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Public Service Commission

February 28, 2003

Mr. Kevin J. Cherry Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc. 3039 York Road St. James City, FL 33956

Re: Docket No. 030106-SU, Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case by Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc.

Dear Mr. Cherry:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc., (EPS or utility). We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000 for wastewater. The fee is based on the capacity of the utility system as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee must be received by <u>March 31, 2003</u> which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Sam Merta at (850)413-6427.

Sincerely,

Tim Devlin

Director

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