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RE: **Docket No.** 060005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments?

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 2006 price index by using a fiscal year,

four-quarter comparison of the Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 2005.

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<u>Issue 2</u>: What percentage should be used by water and wastewater utilities for the 2006 Price Index? <u>Recommendation</u>: The 2006 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 2.74%.

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<u>Issue 3</u>: How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

Recommendation: Pursuant to Rule 25-30.420(1), Florida Administrative Code, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, after the expiration of the PAA protest period, should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which should contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1 to staff's January 12, 2006 memorandum). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 to staff's January 12, 2006 memorandum). If a protest is filed and a hearing is held, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the final order establishing the index which should contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2).

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. This docket should be closed upon the issuance of the Consummating Order if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the 14-day protest period after issuance of the PAA Order. Any party filing a protest should be required to prefile testimony with the protest.

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