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## Hublic Service Commission

March 26, 2008

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Re: Docket No. 080113-WS, Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Duval County by Regency Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Staff has reviewed the above-referenced application filed on behalf of Regency Utilities, Inc. (Regency). Listed below are the deficiencies and the additional information needed to complete staff's review of the application.

## **Deficiencies**

- <u>Late Filed Exhibit J.</u> The affidavit that notice of the application was given in accordance with Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code, by regular mail or personal delivery to each customer of Regency remains to be filed.
- Late Filed Exhibit K. The affidavit that notice of the application was published once a week in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory in accordance with Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code, remains to be filed.

## **Additional Information**

- Financial Ability. Please provide a copy of the utility's most recent financial statements in order to verify the utility's continued financial ability to provide service in accordance with Rule 25-30.034(d), Florida Administrative Code.
- 4. Fire Protection. The application indicates that Regency owns and operates a fire protection system serving the mall. According to the system maps, there are three water wells with a line to a fire pump, water storage building, and 10,000 gallon hydro tank. However, there is a comment on the map indicating that the line leaving the hydro tank has been cut. In addition, DEP does not believe that Regency's fire protection system is operational.

- 4a. Please confirm whether the line from Regency's fire protection hydro tank to the fire lines serving the mall is currently usable for fire protection service.
- 4b. If it is not currently usable, please explain when and under what circumstances the line was cut and how fire protection service to the mall is being provided.
- 4c. Please provide a detailed description of the facilities and treatment required to provide fire protection service.
- 4d. Please describe the frequency and type of maintenance required for the fire protection system.

## 5. <u>Service Provider</u>.

- 5a. Please describe the number and size of the bulk meters from JEA for water and wastewater service to the mall.
- 5b. Please provide a schedule showing the water and wastewater rates JEA charges Regency.
- 5c. Please provide a copy of the most recent 12 months of bills from JEA to Regency for water and wastewater service to the mall.
- 6. <u>Plant in Service UPIS and Accumulated Depreciation</u>. Please provide a detailed schedule showing the original cost of all utility assets shown in Schedules B-5 and C-5 of Exhibit F to the application, along with the date the assets were placed into service. In addition, please provide a copy of Regency's most recent tax return, including the schedule showing depreciation of utility assets.
- 7. <u>Materials and Supplies</u>. Please provide the basis for the Material and Supplies expense shown on Schedules B-9 and C-9 of Exhibit F to the application.
- 8. <u>Contractual Services</u>. Please provide the basis for the Contractual expenses shown on Schedules B-9 and C-9 of Exhibit F to the application. The basis should include the number of contract employees, number of hours and rate of pay for each contract employee, and a description of the services provided by each contract employee.
- 9. <u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>. Please provide the basis for the Miscellaneous expenses shown on Schedules B-9 and C-9 of Exhibit F to the application.
- 10. <u>Lease Cost.</u> A copy of the Utility Ground Lease Agreement (lease) between RS Properties, Inc. and Regency Utilities, Inc. was provided as Exhibit E to the application. The lease was entered into on May 21, 1992, for a term of 99 years and a cost of \$1.00 per year during the term. Please describe the utility facilities located on the property addressed in the lease.

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11. <u>Rental Expense</u>. Schedules B-9 and C-9 of Exhibit F to the application list \$5,109 and \$6,617 as the annual cost of rental of building and real property. Please provide a description of the property being rented and how that property is used in the operation of the utility.

Please file the requested information in the docket on or before <u>April 28, 2008</u>. If you have any questions regarding the requested information, please feel free to contact either myself or a member of my staff, Ms. Patricia Brady, at (850) 413-6686 or <u>pbrady@psc.state.fl.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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