

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. DOCKET NO. 080121-WS FILED: October 27, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Direct Testimony of Henry Taghiof on behalf of the Florida Public Service Commission, has been furnished by ~~U.S. Mail~~ *Hand Delivery* on this 27th day of October, 2008, to the following.

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WITNESS: Direct Testimony of Henry Taghiof, Polk County Health Department
Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HENRY TAGHIOF

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2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. Henry Taghiof, Polk County Health Department, 2090 East Clower Street, Bartow,
4 Florida 33830.

5 Q. Please provide a brief description of your educational background and experience.

6 A. I have a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering from Louisiana State
7 University. I have been employed with the Polk County Health Department (PCHD)
8 for the past 17 years. I am currently employed as an Engineering Specialist III in the
9 Environmental Engineering Division, Drinking Water Program.

10 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the PCHD?

- 11 A. 1) Permitting and plan review of public swimming pools.
12 2) Conduct sanitary survey of public water systems.
13 3) Conduct public supply well site inspections.

14 Q. Are you familiar with the Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (Aqua) water systems in Polk
15 County, including Gibsonia Estates, Lake Gibson Estates, Orange Hill/Sugar Creek,
16 Rosalie Oaks, and Village Water?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Does the utility have any current construction permits from the PCHD?

19 A. Yes. The Gibsonia Estates water system has a general permit to construct a 2-inch
20 water distribution line to Deerwood Villas (16 connections). The Lake Gibson water
21 system had a construction permit to replace an existing 18,000 gallon tank as a result
22 of an inspection in 2006 which found the tank not to be in compliance. The permit
23 expired on June 18, 2008, and the utility had not yet applied for a new construction
24 permit.

25 Q. Are the Aqua systems for which you are responsible in compliance with all applicable

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requirements regarding operation and maintenance of the water treatment and distribution systems?

A. Yes. It is not uncommon to find a number of small deficiencies at facilities. In general, the utility is doing a good job of maintaining these facilities. Only minor deficiencies were noted on each survey.

Q. Do you have anything further to add?

A. No, I do not.