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Mr. Roy A. Mazur, P.E.  
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**Re: Docket No. 080121-WS, 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.**

Dear Mr. Mazur:

As you know, Jay Yingling (Jay) provided testimony on behalf of Commission staff (staff) in the Aqua Utilities rate case in above-referenced docket. I would like to express staff's sincere appreciation for Jay's efforts in this case. His expert testimony, especially with regard to water conservation-promoting rate structures and price elasticity of demand, provided important support for staff's recommendations to the Commission regarding water rate structures and price elasticity adjustments. The Commission approved a three-tiered inclining-block rate structure, with usage blocks based on monthly consumption of: 0-5,000 gallons (5 kgals), 5-10 kgals, and usage in excess of 10 kgals. The Commission also approved rate factors of 1.0, 1.25 and 3.0, respectively. These rate factors, and the resulting rates, should send very strong water conservation signals, especially for consumption in excess of 10 kgals, to all PSC-regulated Aqua Utilities Florida customers throughout the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

I will send you and Jay relevant portions of the Commission's Final Order as soon as it becomes available. It is always my pleasure to work with the District, and I look forward to our agencies' continued collaboration on water conservation issues in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennie Lingo".

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