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VIA FEDEX

Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Docket No. 090459-WS (Bluefield Utilities)

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for Filing in this matter, please find an original and seven (7) copies of a Request for Confidential Classification in this matter, along with two (2) public redacted versions and an envelope marked "Confidential" containing the confidential materials. If there are any problems with this request, please contact Michael Minton or myself at (772) 464-7700.

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Corrick

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

BLUEFIELD UTILITIES, LLC ("Bluefield" or "the Company"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification of certain materials provided herewith in response to staff request. Attached to this Request is an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" containing the sole copy of the confidential information being provided. Two public, redacted versions of the confidential information are also provided with this Request. In support of this Request, Bluefield states as follows:

- 1. Subsection 367.156(1), Florida Statutes, provides that upon request, records received by the PSC which are "found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information hall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s.119.07(1)."
- 2. "Proprietary confidential business information" is defined as meaning "information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the [] Company, is intended to be and is treated by the [] Company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayer or the Company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public." Section 367.156(3), Florida Statutes.
- 3. Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, information concerning:
 - (a) trade secrets;
 - (b) internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors;
 - (c) security measures, systems, or procedures:
 - (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the

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disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms;

- (e) information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information;
- (f) employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.

Section 367.156(3), Florida Statutes.

- 4. The confidential portions of the information being provided to the Commission fall within these statutory definitions, and therefore constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 367.156(3) and Rule 25-22.006.
- 5. Attachment 1 to this Request consists of financial statements for Evans Properties, Inc. ("Evans"), the ultimate parent of Bluefield. As Evans is privately-held, this information has not been released to the public, and is treated by Evans as private, confidential information, the release of which could have a severe impact on business operations and private negotiations. The subject information is therefore proprietary confidential business information and is entitled to protection under Section 367.156(3) and Rule 25-22.006.
- 6. For the same reason set forth herein in support of its request for confidential classification, Bluefield also moves the Commission for entry of a temporary protective order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, protecting the confidential information from public disclosure.
- 7. Pursuant to Section 367.156(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(9), Florida Administrative Code, Bluefield requests that the information described above as proprietary confidential business information be protected from disclosure for a period of at least 18 months and all information should be returned to the company as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of November, 2009.

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	DATE: November 19, 2009	
TO:	Dennis G. Corrick, Dean Mead	V-78-10/44
FROM:	Ruth Nettles, Office of Commission Clerk	
RE:	Acknowledgement of Receipt of Confidential Filing	

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket Number 090459 or, if filed in an undocketed matter, concerning certain material provided within response to staff's request, and filed on behalf of Bluefield Utilities. The document will be maintained in locked storage.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Kim Peña, Records Management Assistant, at (850) 413-6393.

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