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November 17, 2010

D. Bruce May, Jr. Holland & Knight, LLP Post Office Drawer 810 Tallahassee, FL 32302-0810 STAFF'S SIXTH DATA REQUEST

Re: Docket No. 100330-WS - Application for increase in water/wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Dear Mr. May:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (Aqua or Company) provide responses to the following data requests.

For question nos. 1 and 2, please refer to Volume 1 – Schedule F-5, page 139 for Water Rate Band 4.

- 1. The percentage excess unaccounted water shown on line 50, column (3) for The Woods does not correspond to the percentage shown on page 10, Schedule F-1 in Volume 1, Appendix 2. Please explain whether this is an error. If so, please revise any calculations as needed.
- 2. The number of customers on line 52, column (2) for Twin Rivers is listed as 0. Please explain whether this is an error. If so, please revise any calculations as needed.
- 3. Please refer to Volume 1 – Appendix 2, Scheduled F-5, page 14. The values shown for Firm Capacity for Arredondo Estates, Lake Josephine/Sebring Lakes, and Twin Rivers differ from the values in the last rate case contained in Order No. PSC-09-0385-FOF-WS, page 173, Attachment A, page 1 of 6. Please explain the difference in these values.
- Please explain or describe whether there have been any changes to storage capacity, well 4. capacity, or firm reliable capacity for any of AUF's systems since the last rate case. If so, please explain or describe the nature of the changes for each system.

- 5. According to Volume 1 Appendix 2, Schedule F-6, page 16, there are 13 systems with excess infiltration and inflow (I&I), and AUF has requested pro forma to conduct an I&I study and improvements for 3 of these systems. Please explain or describe the Company's methodology in determining which systems should receive the I&I studies and improvements. As part of this response, please explain or describe what consideration was given to the systems that have excess I&I and purchase sewage treatment (Beecher's Point and Lake Gibson Estates) in that determination.
- 6. Please refer to Volume 1 Schedule F-7 Appendix 2. In reviewing the Lots Fronting Mains (LFMs) numbers, a sample test comparing the current numbers in Docket No. 100330-WS to numbers from the last rate case in Docket No. 080121-WS reflects the following:

System	Docket No. 100330	Docket No. 080121	Lot Difference
Sunny Hills - water	6,384	5,592	792
Sunny Hills - wastewater	517	508	9
Leisure Lakes - water	335	401	66
Leisure Lakes – wastewater	335	403	68
Lake Josephine/Sebring – water	1,013	2,436	1423

- a. Please explain or describe why the LFMs numbers are different from the previous rate case.
- b. Please explain or describe what physical changes have been made to these systems since the last rate case.

- 7. **Pro Forma Plant**. Please refer to Exhibit A. For Project No. 9, Jasmine Lakes WWTP walkway and weir replacement, and Project No. 20, South Seas Sewer, Wet weather South Seas, please provide the following information:
 - a. a statement why each improvement is necessary;
 - b. a copy of any and all invoices and other support documentation if the plant improvement has been completed or in process;
 - c. a copy of the signed contract or any and all bids, if the plant improvement has not been completed;
 - d. a status of the engineering and permitting efforts, if the plant improvement has not been through the bidding processing;
 - e. the projected in-service date for each outstanding plant improvement; and
 - f. if any outstanding estimated completion dates for the pro forma improvements have changed, please state how many times the date was revised and explain, in detail, why each completion date was changed.
- 8. In the last rate case, Docket No. 080121-WS, excessive unaccounted for water (UFW) and I&I adjustments were individually made for each system. In the current filing in Volume 1 of the water and sewer rate bands, composite UFW and I&I figures were calculated and were subsequently used in Schedule B-3 for UFW and I&I adjustments. Please explain or describe the reasons behind this change in methodology.
- 9. In the last rate case, Docket No. 080121-WS, Interlachen water treatment plant was found to be 100 percent used and useful. In AUF's current filing, Docket No. 100330-WS, the water treatment plant is reflected as 76.26 percent used and useful. Please explain or describe why the proposed percentage is lower than the percentage from the last rate case.
- 10. Please explain or describe why AUF's filing in Docket No. 100330-WS does not indicate the used and usefulness of the Palm Port wastewater treatment plant.
- 11. Please explain or describe why AUF's filing in Docket No. 100330-WS does not indicate the used and usefulness of the Sebring Lakes (Lake Josephine) water treatment plant.
- 12. Please explain or describe why AUF's filing in Docket No. 100330-WS does not indicate the used and usefulness of the water distribution system in Pomona Park.
- 13. In the last rate case, Docket No. 080121-WS, the Summit Chase wastewater system had 22% excessive I&I. AUF's filing in Docket No. 100330-WS indicates that the Summit Chase wastewater system has no excessive I&I. Please explain or describe what changes occurred to the wastewater system since the last rate case to decrease the amount of I&I.

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Please file the original and five copies of the requested information by December 7, 2010, with Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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