## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONED FPSC

In re: Application of UTILITIES, INC. OF EAGLE RIDGE for an increase in wastewater rates in Lee County, Florida

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Docket No. 110153-Stored Confidentiality

## UTILITIES, INC. OF EAGLE RIDGE'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

UTILITIES, INC. OF EAGLE RIDGE (the "Utility"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Request for Confidential Classification in relation to documents submitted with the Utility's response to Staff's request for additional information, dated July 26, 2011, Item No. 5.

- 1. Under Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, this Commission has the authority to classify certain material as proprietary confidential business information. This classification exempts the material from public disclosure under Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.
- 2. The Utility requests that certain information provided to Staff in connection with its response to Staff's request for additional information dated July 26, 2011 be classified as proprietary confidential business information under Section 367.156(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.06, Florida Administrative Code (the "Confidential Information"). If this request is granted, then the subject portions of said response will be exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a Justification Matrix providing a justification for the Utility's request. The information is enclosed herein both in highlighted and redacted format.
- 3. The information produced in response to Staff's request for additional information dated July 26, 2011, Item No. 5 regarding compensation information, is intended to be and is treated by the utility as private and confidential and has not been disclosed externally and has been strictly controlled internally.
- 4. A portion of the information consists of employee's name and title, base salary, overtime, raises, taxes, pension information, total compensation and contribution to 401k plans.

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This information should be classified as proprietary confidential business information because its disclosure would impair the Utility's competitive interests, provide other utility companies information to lure employees away (thereby driving up salaries and rates), and create circumstances under which infighting and employee morale could be negatively affected. See Florida Power & Light Company et al. v. Public Service Commission, 35 Fla. L. Weekly d516 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010).

5. Requiring the disclosure of each employee's compensation information violates each employee's right to privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution.

WHEREFORE, UTILITIES, INC. OF EAGLE RIDGE prays for confidential treatment and the entry of the protective order that is consistent with this Motion.

Respectfully submitted on this 25th day of August, 2011 by:

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## JUSTIFICATION MATRIX

Location	<u>Justification</u>
(Document name and location of information)	Please note: All information for which the Utility
	requests confidential treatment has been kept
	confidential by the Utility, and intends to keep such
	information confidential.
Document:	§367.156(3)(d) Disclosure of compensation data,
	overtime data and salary increase data would
2011 Rate Cases Salary Adjustment	impair the ability of the Utility to contract for
, ,	employees on favorable terms.
Location:	
pp. 14 - 27 of 124, Columns A - E (except	§367.156(3)(e) Disclosure of the compensation
column totals and column headings)	data would impair the Utility's competitive
	interests as described in Florida Power & Light
pp. 28 – 41 of 124, Columns F – J (except column	Company et al. v. Public Service Commission, 35
totals and column headings)	Fla. L. Weekly d516 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010). The
	Utility keeps this information strictly confidential
	to prevent other utilities from stealing their
	employees and to prevent lowered morale and
	infighting among employees who have the same
	position but varying wages. Disclosure of the
	percentage contributed to 401k plans would impair
	the Utility's competitive interests in a similar
	manner, giving competitors a tool to lure away
	employees and causing internal strife by exposing
	the employee's private financial affairs.
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	Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution.
	Disclosure of the information would invade the
	privacy rights of the employee.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 110153-SU

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification has been hand delivered to the PSC Clerk and furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties this 25th day of August, 2011:

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