

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: 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.

DOCKET NO. 100330-WS

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WITNESS: Direct Testimony of Caitlyn Eck
Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CAITLYN ECK

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2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. Caitlyn Eck, 2295 Victoria Ave, Fort Myers FL 33901

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

5 A. I have a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science and have worked at Florida
6 Department of Environmental Protection since January 2007

7 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of Environmental Protection?

8 A. I conduct compliance inspections, conduct compliance meeting, and identify and
9 properly document all violations found during facility inspections. I also collect and properly
10 document samples to identify effluent violations. Further, I conduct enforcement
11 investigations, prepare enforcement documents, such as warning notices, notices of violations,
12 consent orders, and case reports, and represent the Department as an expert witness in court.

13 Q. Are you familiar with the AUF wastewater systems in Lee County, particularly South
14 Seas?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is this system in compliance with all applicable construction and operating permits?

17 A. Yes

18 Q. Has this AUF system been the subject of any FDEP compliance enforcement action
19 within the past three years?

20 A. Yes. They have been under enforcement for the past three years. They are working
21 with us to resolve the case at South Seas. We are sending them a Short Form Consent Order
22 (SFCO) with a \$9,500 penalty attached to it. Since they have made repairs to the tanks and
23 other various repairs and upgrades to the system, once they have settled the penalties in the
24 SFCO, they will be returned to compliance from formal enforcement.

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1 Q. Other than any violations discussed above, is AUF in compliance with all DEP
2 requirements for their wastewater systems in Lee?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you have anything further to add?

5 A. No, I do not.

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