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April 18, 2014

Chairman Art Graham Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Mid-County Services, Inc.

2013 General Rate Increase Application

Our File No. 30057.215

Dear Chairman Graham:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Mid-County Services, Inc. (the "Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its wastewater system located in Pinellas County, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before August 1, 2014.

The Company's last file and suspend rate proceeding was in Docket No. 080250-SU, utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2007, which resulted in the issuance of Order No. PSC-093-0802505-PAA-SU dated May 27, 2009. Subsequently, the Company was subject to an Overearnings Investigation in Docket No. 120076-SU, which utilized a December 31, 2010 test year, and which culminated in Order No. PSC-12-0389-PAA-SU issued July 27, 2012.

The Company requests an historic test year ending December 31, 2013. The requested test year is representative of a normal full year of operation. However, there will be pro forma adjustments to expenses to reflect expenses in the year when rates will be in effect.

Since the Company's last rate proceeding, the Company has experienced increases in various O&M expense categories, such as salaries and wages, insurance, purchased power, and chemicals, that were not completely offset by reductions in other annual operating expenses and annual indexing increases. The pro forma adjustments are non growth-related. Within this same period of time, there have been no major changes in operational methods.

The Company anticipates including the following pro forma plant additions, all of which will be completed within 24 months of the proposed test year end of December 31, 2013:

- <u>Lift Station #17</u>. Conflicts between Pinellas County's planned improvements to the Curlew Creek storm water system resulted in the need to construct a new lift station on the opposite bank of Curlew Creek at Wilshire Blvd. and to place it into service before December 2014. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.
- 2. <u>Mid-County Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements</u>. The project includes the replacement of the perimeter fence around the plant site, construction of an awning over the sludge dewatering equipment, and the purchase of a dumpster to facilitate the hauling of sludge to land application sites. The project cost is estimated at \$45,000.
- 3. <u>U.S. 19 Sewer Main Relocation</u>. Due to conflicts caused by a Pinellas County highway project, a gravity sewer main that crosses U.S. 19 north of C.R. 580 must be relocated. The estimated cost of the project is \$50,000 and must be coordinated with the county's construction schedule as this is an eight-lane traffic corridor.

Pursuant to Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes, the Company requests that the Commission process this petition for rate relief using the proposed agency action procedure. The Company also will request interim rates based on the historic test year.

Should you or members of the Staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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