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Re: Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation  
Administrative Closure, Docket No.: 160022-SU

Dear Ms. Stauffer, Mr. Graves and Ms. Mapp:

I have the pleasure of serving as legal counsel for Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation ("Corporation"). I am in receipt of the Memorandum dated July 27, 2016 (copy enclosed), indicating that Tropical Isle Utilities Corporation was erroneously told that it needed to file an Application for Wastewater Certificate and that after the filing, staff determined that Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation was exempt from Commission jurisdiction. Mr. George McDaniel, the President of the Corporation, was notified last fall and told that Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation was required to obtain a Wastewater Certificate. Despite the fact that he indicated

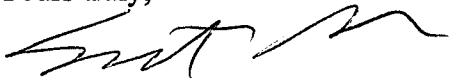
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that the Corporation was a not-for-profit corporation, providing utilities solely to members of the Corporation, he was instructed that an Application for Wastewater Certificate was required. In reliance thereon, the Corporation retained my services to assist with the Application. On January 19, 2016, Melinda Watts (with your office) contacted Mr. McDaniel and indicated that the Public Service Commission was unclear on whether the Certificate was needed. Subsequently, on February 12, 2016, I received the Notice of Deficiencies to the Application which had been submitted and the specific deficiencies were identified. I was instructed that the deficiencies identified in the letter had to be corrected and given a deadline for those corrections. Those deficiencies were corrected in a timely manner. The Corporation has incurred substantial attorney's fees in preparation of the Application (which it was told was required), and responding to the deficiencies. The Memorandum dated July 27, 2016, indicates that after the filing of the Application, the staff determined that Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation is exempt from Commission jurisdiction. As a result of the error of the Public Service Commission in notifying Tropical Isles Utilities Corporation that it was required to file the Application, the Corporation has sustained substantial, unnecessary costs and legal fees.

This is to request reimbursement to the Corporation for these amounts. The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation, serving 324 customers who are charged \$20.00 per month for sewer services. This entire process has created a financial burden on the Corporation. Please consider this request for reimbursement and let me know if such reimbursement is forthcoming. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Elizabeth P. Bonan, Esquire  
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Cc: Client