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*via email*

**Re: Docket No. 150269-WS – Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.**

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter dated June 1, 2017, which included the most recent sampling results from the Summertree water system. Technical staff from the Commission's Division of Engineering has performed a cursory review of the results which shows that the iron level for all of the sampling points has risen since the December 2016 sample. Technical staff also noted that three of the sample locations have iron levels above the MCL of 0.30 mg/L.

Please note that Order No. PSC-16-0505-PAA-WS states, "[W]hile the interconnection with Pasco County should improve water quality, the final impact on water quality can be determined only after the completion of the interconnection and the implementation of a flushing protocol." To date, Commission staff has received two secondary water quality test results for samples dated December 27, 2016 and April 27, 2017. Neither of these submittals included a description of a flushing protocol. Therefore, staff would recommend the Utility undertake, at minimum, another round of testing to address all applicable water quality standards, and provide Commission staff with a detailed description of the flushing protocol utilized by the Utility.

Additionally, Order No. PSC-16-0505-PAA-WS states that "the Utility shall provide secondary water quality results for portions of its Summertree distribution system at least every six months until [the] Commission finds water quality to be satisfactory." Therefore, a separate petition should be filed once the Company feels it has the information necessary to demonstrate that it has implemented a satisfactory flushing protocol and has met and is able to maintain all secondary water quality standards. Until such a time that a petition has been filed and approved by the Commission, the requirements of Order No. PSC-16-0505-PAA-WS will remain in effect.

Docket No. 150269-WS  
Response to June 1, 2017 Letter  
June 8, 2017

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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