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Re: Docket No. 20180063-WS – Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Polk County by Orchid Springs Development Corporation

Dear Ms. Restina:

Thank you for your letter in which you expressed concerns regarding the proposed preliminary rate increase determined in the limited proceeding water and wastewater case for Orchid Springs Development Corporation (Orchid Springs). To ensure that the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) and Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your letter and the utility's response has been placed in the correspondence section of the docket file.

We understand your concerns regarding Orchid Springs proposed rate increase. Florida Statutes Chapter 367, require the Commission to fix rates which are just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory. The Commission must allow each utility under its jurisdiction the opportunity to earn a fair return on its investment used and useful in providing utility service. During the case, the Commission's accountants, engineers, and economists examine the utility's financial and engineering information to make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

In addition, you expressed concerns about being billed for wastewater on water used for irrigation since it does not return to the wastewater system. Unfortunately, wastewater usage is billed based on the water usage. The utility in a response filed in this docket, indicated a separate irrigation meter is available to eliminate wastewater charges on irrigation usage. Furthermore, the utility does not have a system that would allow it to provide reuse water for irrigation purposes.

Hopefully, this letter addresses your concerns. If you have any additional questions, or require assistance, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6435 or email me at tbethea@psc.state.fl.us

Terence Bethea

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terence Bethea', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Commission Clerk's Office (Docket No. 20180063-WS)