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Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

Re: Docket No. 20230071-WU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Pinecrest Utilities, LLC.

Dear Commission Clerk:

Following is the company response to Staff's Fifth Data Request.

1. Please refer to Pinecrest's application for a SARC in the instant docket, and the Utility's 2022 Annual Report for the following questions.

a. Please identify which value is correct for the total number of fire hydrants in the Utility's service area.

Company Response- There are 9 fire hydrants serving Pinecrest.

b. Please identify which value is correct for the length of the 4" PVC pipe. If the value on the Utility's application is correct, please explain why it has increased.

Company response- The total amount of 3230 feet of 4" pipe on the application is a total amount. On the 2022 annual report the PVC and Galvanized 4" pipes is separated out. Same amount of pipe.

2. Please refer to the Utility's response to Staff's Fourth Data Request, No. 8, and the Utility's 2022 Annual Report for the following questions.

a. For each month of the January 2022 through December 2022 test year, please provide supporting documentation for the calculations that resulted in the flushing values provided in the Utility's 2022 Annual Report.

Company Response- See attachment.

b. Please explain why the flushing value provided in the Utility's 2022 Annual Report for August 2022 is negative.

Company Response-Unknown. I will make sure this is corrected for the 2023 Annual Report.

3. Please indicate whether or not the Utility has purchased the replacement lawn mower. If so, please identify the vendor selected. If not, please identify the vendor the Utility intends to purchase the mower from. If the least cost vendor was not selected, please explain why.

Company response- I have not yet purchased the mower as I am awaiting upon Commission Approval. Should I get approval to purchase the mower, I will try and get three bids.

On behalf of the utility,

Michael Smallridge

Pinecrest Flushing.

The utility does not keep exact records of flushing because each flush point is not metered. We generally flush for a certain time period. When flushing dead end lines, we flush until the water runs clear as opposed to a time period. There are numerous factors that go into the flushing calculations in that we have variable flushing actions that are not consistent such as a customer water complaint, operator water sampling., meter repair, replacement or installation. (my company policy is to flush for 5 minutes after a new meter is installed or repaired)

There are some flushing items we do consistently as part of routine maintenance.

1. We flush the Hydro tank once per month. 5,000 gallons, 4” pipe for 10 minutes.
2. We have a 2” flushing valve that is done for 10 minutes once per week.
3. We have a 1” flushing valve that is done for 10 minutes once per week.
4. Star Terrace dead end line is a 1” blow off valve that is done once per week for 15 Minutes.

There is flushing we do at the water plant that is not metered. (these are small amounts).

1. As needed flushing for cleaning at the chlorine POE and tank.
2. Backflushing of Aqua Mag pump and screen filter.