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STAFF'S FOURTH DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 202050013-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County, by LP Waterworks, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rendell:

Staff has reviewed the water usage and wastewater treatment data supplied by LP Waterworks, Inc. (LP or Utility) for its water and wastewater treatment systems. To assist staff in its analysis, please provide the following information by **Thursday, June 26, 2025**:

1. Regarding the flow meter that measures the amount of wastewater treated, please verify that it is operating properly and provide a detailed explanation of the steps taken to perform the verification, including when the meter was last calibrated.
2. In determining how many gallons of wastewater to bill residential customers, it is customary for utilities to use 80 percent of the water gallons billed. However, in LP's response to Staff's Second Data Request, question 7, the gallons of wastewater billed do not appear to have a specific relationship to the gallons of water billed to those customers. How does LP determine the number of gallons of wastewater to bill customers before applying the 6,000 gallon cap?
3. In the Utility's response to question 7 of Staff's Second Data Request, do the gallons of water sold to residential and/or commercial customers include water sold through separate irrigation meters? If so, please provided an updated response that separates the gallons of water sold for consumption from the gallons of water sold for irrigation.
4. For LP's wastewater customers, please identify the general service customers by name and address, provide the monthly water usage by each, as well as the wastewater gallons billed to each for the test year.
5. For LP's residential wastewater customers, please determine the customers with usage that is at least 30 percent higher than the average demand during the test year of (1) 2,394 gallons for customers with no zero-gallon bills, and (2) 1,102 gallons for customers with one or more zero

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gallon bills during the test year. Please identify these customers by address, and provide the monthly water usage for each during the test year, as well as the wastewater gallons that either were billed or would have been billed to each had there not been a 6,000-gallon cap.

6. LP's last staff-assisted rate case for its wastewater system was in 2016. In that case, staff calculated the average annual daily flows for the wastewater treatment plant at 48,032 gallons per day. In the instant case, staff has calculated 9,088 gallons per day. Please provide an explanation for the disparity in these numbers.

7. In response to Staff's First Data Request, question 4, regarding sludge hauling expenses for the test year, LP responded that it had none for the test year, but had a pro forma sludge hauling expense after the test year. Staff notes that this pro forma expense was not related to routine sludge hauling from percolation ponds, but rather for sludge removed from wastewater treatment plant components required by the Department of Environmental Protection. To assist staff in determining whether the Utility should have sludge hauling expenses included in its Operation and Maintenance expense calculation, please provide all invoices for sludge hauling expense for the last five years.

Please file all responses electronically via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20250013-WS) and also please email the filed response to discovery-gcl@psc.state.fl.us. Please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6952 or by email mwatts@psc.state.fl.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Melinda Watts

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