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Mr. Kenneth Hoffman  
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**Re: Docket No. 080121-WS - Request by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., for Approval of a File and Suspend Rate Increase in Alachua, Brevard, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia and Washington Counties**

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

The Florida Public Service Commission received your March 28, 2008 letter and financial schedules, filed in response to the Commission's notification that additional information was required in order for the Commission to properly evaluate the utility's test year request. In your letter, you also indicate that Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUF) has withdrawn its request to file its application using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) provision as detailed in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes (F.S.). Based on AUF's initial test year letter request and the additional supporting documentation filed, the utility's test year request is hereby approved in accordance with Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code.

For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 080121-WS has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will be deemed filed on the date the Office of Commission Clerk receives the complete petition, Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs), testimony, and the filing fee. As AUF has not opted to use the PAA process allowed by Section 367.081(8), F.S., direct testimony must be filed at the same time as the petition and MFRs. To process this case expeditiously, we request you file the above no later than June 1, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 367.083, F.S., the official filing date will be the date that complete correction to any deficiencies, if any, are filed. Please note that many schedules included in the MFRs are designed with a column entitled "Balance Per Books." This column must reflect the balances on the general ledger and be reconciled with the balances reported in the utility's Annual Report on file with the Commission. This requirement is applicable to all primary account balances as required by the NARUC Uniform Systems of Accounts. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(2), F.A.C., all data the Commission requests and requires to be submitted in determining a utility's rates "shall be consistent with and reconcilable with the utility's annual report to the Commission."

In addition, the utility should satisfactorily document that it has recorded all adjustments to the utility's general ledger and accounts that have been ordered by the Commission in any prior proceeding relating to the system. If adjustments were ordered for prior periods that have any impact on subsequent years, the related adjustments shall also be made to reflect the impact for the

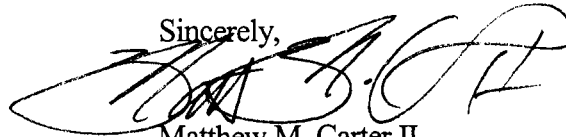
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appropriate period up to and including the approved test year. Further, the utility should be prepared to justify its requested test year operation and maintenance expenses, particularly those which have increased above the level of customer growth and inflation for the year ended five years prior to the test year.

The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, F.S., and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, the Commission may disregard any information not filed with the original application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. M. Carter II', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew M. Carter II  
Chairman

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