

HC WATERWORKS, INC.

December 21, 2020

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

Re: Docket No. 20190166-WU Application for increase in water rates in Highlands County by HC Waterworks, Inc. – *Response to Staff Fifth Data Request*

Dear Commission Clerk,

HC Waterworks, Inc. (HCWW) hereby submits its response to Staff's Fifth Data Request dated December 18, 2020.

1. Please refer to page two of the agreement, subsection 8(a).
 - a. Please explain the significance of February 28, 2021, as the deadline for the joint movant's request for staff's participation in any scheduled activities.

Response: HCWW is unaware of the significance of the February 28th date. HCWW defers to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for a response.

- b. If there are any scheduled activities after February 28, 2021, will staff be invited to participate in them?

Response: It is assumed that any and all scheduled public meetings with customers will be open and staff would be invited to attend.

2. Please indicate if any activities, such as meetings or phone-calls, have been scheduled and the anticipated dates of the activities if scheduled.

Response: The OPC and Highlands County have scheduled a video conference meeting on January 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. This meeting was scheduled by OPC and Highlands County and it is assumed that an invite would be sent to staff for participating. HCWW has not scheduled any formal meetings due to the Settlement not being approved, as well as the on-going COVID pandemic.

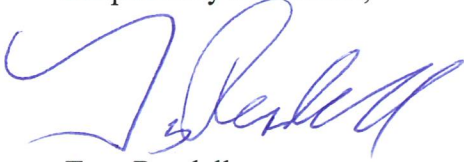
3. Do the joint movants anticipate the instant docket be closed upon the Utility's filing of its final status report? If not, please explain why and provide an alternative procedure for docket closure.

Response: HCWW anticipates that the docket can be administratively closed by staff once the final status report is filed in the docket.

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HCWW does not anticipate filing any status reports until the Settlement is formally approved by the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,



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