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October 10, 2023

Mr. Troy Rendell
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**STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL**

Re: Docket No. 20230081-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Broward County by Royal Waterworks, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rendell:

By this letter, Commission staff requests that Royal Waterworks, Inc. (Royal or Utility) provide responses to the following questions.

1. Please refer to revised Schedule E-1. For wastewater, in column 2, there are several meter sizes indicating charges for the general service class, which are not approved in the utility's current tariff. Please explain how the Utility developed the charges for the 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch meter sizes.
2. Please refer to Schedule E-14. Please identify all general service customers, including the irrigation customers, by name.
3. Please refer to the Utility's approved tariffs for water and wastewater service availability charges. Please indicate how many customers are currently paying guaranteed revenue charges.
4. Please refer to the revised Schedule F-1 submitted September 20, 2023.
 - a. Please explain how the Utility sold and used more water than it pumped in June, July, September, October, and December of 2022, and February and April of 2023.
 - b. What were the "Other Uses" listed on this Schedule?
5. Please refer to Schedule F-3. Please explain why Royal chose May 18, 2023, with 461,000 gallons pumped and May 28, 2023, with 483,000 gallons pumped instead of May 13, 2023, with 504,000 gallons pumped and May 14, 2023 with 503,000 gallons pumped, for the five-day maximum year calculation.

6. Please refer to Schedule F-5. Please explain how Royal determined the growth factor.
7. Please refer to the Additional Engineering Information, Chemical Analysis. Please provide the most recent chemical analysis for the disinfection byproducts of TTHM and HAA5.
8. Please refer to the Additional Engineering Information, Sanitary Survey.
 - a. The Survey shows three storage tanks, one ground, one hydropneumatic, and a Clearwell tank. Is the Clearwell tank considered an above ground, ground, or hydropneumatic tank?
 - b. Did the FDEP accept the Utility's repairs to cure the deficiencies found by the Survey? If so, please provide the FDEP response letter.
9. Please refer to the revised Schedule A-3 and the supporting documents for the pro forma adjustments filed on October 4, 2023, Document Number 05492-2023, for the following questions.
 - a. Paving of Water Treatment Plant Parking Lot
 - i. Please provide a description of the project and an explanation of why the project is necessary.
 - ii. Please provide the estimated start and completion dates of the project.
 - iii. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iv. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.
 - b. Refurbish WTP Control Panel
 - i. Please provide a description of the project and an explanation of why the project is necessary.
 - ii. Is this project complete? If not, when is the anticipated completion date?
 - iii. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iv. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.
 - v. Please explain why the amount shown on Schedule A-3 for this project is higher than any of the bids provided.

- c. Replace Influent Meter
 - i. Please provide the estimated start and completion dates of the project.
 - ii. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iii. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.
- d. Generator Radiator Repair
 - i. Please provide a description of the project and an explanation of why the project is necessary.
 - ii. Was TAW Power System the subcontractor used to complete the work on this project?
 - 1. If so, why is the Invoice more than either of the two bids from TAW Power system?
 - 2. If not, who was the subcontractor? Why was TAW Power System not used? Please provide a bid from that subcontractor.
 - 3. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iii. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.
- e. Wire Harness Replacement Master Lift Station
 - i. Please provide a description of the project and an explanation of why the project is necessary.
 - ii. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iii. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.
- f. Lift Station Control Panel
 - i. Please provide the estimated start and completion dates of the project.
 - ii. Please explain why the Utility did not acquire three bids.
 - iii. Please provide the estimated retirement associated with the project, if applicable.

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- iv. Please explain why the amount shown on Schedule A-3 for this project is higher than any of the bids provided.

Please file all responses electronically no later than **Monday, October 30, 2023**, via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20230081-WS). Should you have any questions concerning the information in this letter, please feel free to contact me by phone at (850) 413-6518 or by email at pbuys@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230081-WS)