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Mark Waltrip
5601 Windhover Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

**Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for River Ranch Water Management, L.L.C. in Polk County,
Docket No. 021067-WS**

Dear Mr. Waltrip:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by River Ranch Water Management, L.L.C. We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fees in this rate case are \$1,000 for water and \$1,000 for wastewater. The fees are based on the capacity of the utility systems as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fees must be received by December 19, 2002 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervener status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of River Ranch Water Management, L.L.C.'s application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Office of Polk County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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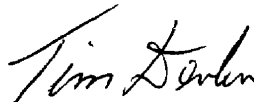
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Members of the Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Ryan Fitch at (850)413-6928 or Linda Stone (850)413-6690.

Sincerely,



Timothy Devlin
Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Willis, Rendell, Fitch, Stone)
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Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (021067-WS)