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Bernard S. Datz
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Re: Docket No. 980214-WS - Application for Rate Increase in Duval, St. Johns and Nassau Counties by United Water Florida Inc.

Dear Mr. Datz:

Thank you for your recent E-mail in which you express concern regarding rate increases requested by United Water Florida, Inc. As you requested, I am enclosing copies of the relevant pages (relating to Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties) from the Comparative Rate Survey compiled by the Division of Research and Regulatory Review in February, 1999. Since the publication of this survey, the Commission has approved new rates for United Water Florida, Inc. for all three counties. The new residential rates would result in bills of \$14.81 for water usage of 5,000 gallons, and \$22.06 for usage of 10,000 gallons. Wastewater bills would be \$29.14 for usage of 5,000 gallons and \$42.74 for usage of 10,000 gallons.

When you compare United Water Florida's rates with those of other utilities, please realize that the Public Service Commission is bound by Florida law to consider the specific costs incurred in providing water and wastewater service for each regulated utility without regard to different rate levels in a given region. Additionally, we have found that differences exist between private and publicly-owned utilities. Publicly-owned utilities do not pay income taxes, can receive lower interest rates on capital financing, and can have the costs of providing water and wastewater service subsidized by other public services. Private utilities do not have these options available to them.

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I hope that this letter has addressed your concerns. If you have any questions regarding any of the points I have raised in this letter or if we can be of help in any way, please contact Jan Kyle at (850) 413-6932.

Sincerely,



bill lowe
Assistant Director

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Enclosure

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Kyle)
Division of Legal Services (Brubaker)
Division of Records and Reporting (Docket No. 980214-WS)

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Dade					
Nonjurisdictional					
Miami/Dade County	Inverted Block	\$8.60	\$18.23		
	Inverted Block	\$7.48	\$15.39	334,293	364,957
North Miami	Uniform Block	\$6.50	\$11.20	19,100	19,100
North Miami Beach					
Inside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$14.12	\$21.42	27,669	31,052
Outside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$15.53	\$23.56		
Surfside	Flat Rate	\$8.40	\$8.40	1,362	1,362
County: De Soto					
Nonjurisdictional					
Arcadia					
Inside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$21.18	\$34.38	2,816	3,357
Outside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$31.77	\$51.57		
County: Dixie					
Nonjurisdictional					
Cross City	Uniform Block	\$15.50	\$20.50	944	1,149
County: Duval					
Jurisdictional					
Commercial Utility (GS Only)	Uniform Block	\$18.25	\$25.40	0	0
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Beacon Hills	Uniform Block	\$15.07	\$22.72	3,347	3,456
Palm Valley	Uniform Block	\$33.55	\$52.00	207	213
Remington Forest	Uniform Block	\$18.98	\$28.83	69	69
Woodmere	Uniform Block	\$15.07	\$22.72	1,277	1,301
Neighborhood Util., Inc.	Uniform Block	\$14.17	\$19.47	210	213
Ortega Utility Co.	Uniform Block	\$11.81	\$17.26	1,233	1,423
Regency Util., Inc.	Uniform Block	\$4.92	\$8.67	0	504
United Water, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$12.60	\$19.40	26,646	29,472
Nonjurisdictional					
Baldwin	Inverted Block	\$10.00	\$15.00	693	735

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Duval					
Nonjurisdictional					
Jacksonville	Inverted Block	\$12.32	\$16.20	145,960	173,630
Jacksonville Beach	Inverted Block	\$17.09	\$29.74	6,812	8,283
Neptune Beach	Inverted Block	\$5.70	\$10.20	2,900	3,200
Regency Utilities, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$4.99	\$8.79	1	340
County: Escambia					
Jurisdictional					
Innerarity Island Development Corp.	Uniform Block	\$10.80	\$16.10	86	86
Peoples Water Service Company	Declining Block	\$16.15	\$33.85	7,432	10,290
Nonjurisdictional					
Century	Uniform Block	\$16.95	\$28.30	850	980
Escambia County	Uniform Block	\$12.07	\$15.43	72,000	81,000
County: Flagler					
Nonjurisdictional					
Flagler Beach	Inverted Block	\$15.00	\$34.00	2,362	2,582
Ocean City Utilities, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$45.41	\$69.76	345	358
Palm Coast Utility, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$31.09	\$50.69	12,588	12,981
County: Franklin					
Jurisdictional					
Water Management Service	Uniform Block	\$32.55	\$43.00	1,409	1,463
Nonjurisdictional					
Apalachicola	Declining Block	\$12.00	\$18.25	996	1,533
Carrabelle	Uniform Block	\$16.11	\$26.11	550	650
County: Gadsden					
Jurisdictional					
Joyland Water System	Uniform Block	\$22.50	\$37.50	48	48

Wastewater Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Columbia					
Jurisdictional					
Kirby Morgan	Flat Rate	\$22.42	\$22.42	144	144
Nonjurisdictional					
Lake City					
Inside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$29.44	\$36.26	3,069	3,848
Outside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$38.42	\$48.66		
County: Dade					
Nonjurisdictional					
Bay Harbor Islands	Flat Rate	\$11.00	\$11.00	550	585
Hialeah	Inverted Block	\$17.60	\$32.45	43,774	50,957
Homestead	Uniform Block	\$25.70	\$39.86	5,016	5,981
Miami Beach	Uniform Block	\$17.15	\$34.30	6,000	11,000
Miami Springs	Inverted Block	\$33.00	\$56.00	3,924	4,166
Miami/Dade	Inverted Block	\$14.88	\$29.36	249,211	264,805
Normandy Village Utility Co.	Inverted Block	\$14.79	\$34.79	1,210	1,237
North Miami	Uniform Block	\$12.66	\$24.77		11,311
North Miami Beach	Uniform Block	\$28.38	\$44.58	6,165	6,853
Surfside	Uniform Block	\$11.70	\$11.70		1,327
County: De Soto					
Nonjurisdictional					
Arcadia					
Inside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$25.78	\$41.93	2,188	2,603
Outside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$38.66	\$62.86		
County: Dixie					
Nonjurisdictional					
Cross City	Flat Rate	\$15.60	\$15.60	461	524
County: Duval					
Jurisdictional					
Commercial Utility (GS Only)	Uniform Block	\$44.72	\$64.62	0	37

Wastewater Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Duval					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Beacon Hills	Uniform Block	\$29.99	\$32.56	3,261	3,351
Woodmere	Uniform Block	\$46.85	\$52.44	1,228	1,247
Ortega Utility Co.					
	Uniform Block	\$18.16	\$26.51	1,171	1,317
Regency Util., Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$23.18	\$39.43	0	267
United Water, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$28.03	\$41.39	20,513	22,893
Nonjurisdictional					
Baldwin					
	Inverted Block	\$20.60	\$26.60	685	726
Jacksonville					
	Uniform Block	\$22.78	\$42.17	117,940	129,420
Jacksonville Beach					
	Inverted Block	\$25.46	\$47.26	6,736	8,060
JCP Utility Company/Cypress Realty, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$25.23	\$40.33	1,582	1,642
Neptune Beach					
	Inverted Block	\$20.15	\$36.40	2,850	3,150
Regency Utilities, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$23.61	\$40.16	1	270
County: Escambia					
Jurisdictional					
Innerarity Island Development Corp.					
	Flat Rate	\$20.00	\$20.00	48	48
Nonjurisdictional					
Century					
	Uniform Block	\$13.00	\$23.50	700	900
Escambia County					
	Uniform Block	\$18.06	\$36.71	45,000	50,000
County: Flagler					
Nonjurisdictional					
Flagler Beach					
	Uniform Block	\$17.50	\$35.00	2,239	2,379
Ocean City Utilities, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$38.21	\$63.51	241	245
Palm Coast Utility, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$32.95	\$45.07	11,030	11,375

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Marion					
Nonjurisdictional					
Ocala	Inverted Block	\$10.04	\$13.68	11,584	14,830
Silver Springs Regional Water and Sewer, Inc.	Inverted Block	\$10.70	\$16.16	390	425
County: Martin					
Jurisdictional					
Fisherman's Cove of Stuart	Uniform Block	\$17.28	\$25.98	524	524
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Fisherman's Haven	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	135	137
Fox Run	Uniform Block	\$35.51	\$52.31	106	108
Leilani Heights	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	391	391
Hobe Sound Water Co.	Inverted Block	\$20.32	\$24.77	1,108	1,278
Hydratech Utilities, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$15.33	\$22.28	5,319	5,508
IBSCO, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$11.60	\$18.25	296	296
Indiantown Co., Inc.	Uniform Block	\$12.94	\$18.34	1,544	1,715
Laniger Enterprises of America, Inc.	Flat Rate	\$18.92	\$18.92	276	276
Miles Grant Water and Sewer Co.	Uniform Block	\$21.39	\$33.14	1,247	1,252
Plantation Utilities	Flat Rate	\$7.56	\$7.56	33	129
Nonjurisdictional					
Martin County	Inverted Block	\$22.80	\$31.80	13,512	13,512
County: Monroe					
Nonjurisdictional					
Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority	Inverted Block	\$25.40	\$50.80	37,552	41,183
County: Nassau					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Public Utility Co. (GS Only)	Uniform Block	\$11.67	\$15.62	5,476	6,070
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Amelia Island	Uniform Block	\$9.99	\$15.09	1,648	1,815

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Nassau					
Jurisdictional					
United Water, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$12.60	\$19.40		
County: Okaloosa					
Nonjurisdictional					
Crestview	Declining Block	\$10.30	\$17.30	4,576	5,187
Destin Water Users, Inc.	Inverted Block	\$12.95	\$20.45	12,000	12,618
Fort Walton Beach	Inverted Block	\$7.05	\$13.55	9,175	10,400
Mary Esther	Inverted Block	\$10.18	\$13.04	1,590	1,870
Niceville	Uniform Block	\$12.85	\$18.85	5,930	6,311
Okaloosa County	Inverted Block	\$14.36	\$27.32	22,621	29,746
	Inverted Block	\$13.96	\$23.76	21,000	27,000
Valparaiso	Uniform Block	\$9.36	\$15.51	1,792	1,909
County: Okeechobee					
Nonjurisdictional					
Okeechobee	Inverted Block	\$11.60	\$20.10	4,700	4,700
Okeechobee Utility Authority	Inverted Block	\$24.35	\$39.75	6,851	7,981
County: Orange					
Jurisdictional					
East Central Florida Services, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$21.00	\$28.50		
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Daetwyler Shores	Uniform Block	\$23.19	\$36.04	125	127
Holiday Heights	Uniform Block	\$35.66	\$52.16	52	52
Lake Conway Park	Uniform Block	\$27.45	\$41.60	85	85
University Shores	Uniform Block	\$12.90	\$18.80	3,527	3,613
Westmont	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	137	137
Park Manor Waterworks, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$8.76	\$13.06	1,385	1,385
Tangerine Water Co.	Uniform Block	\$6.71	\$9.41	224	224

Wastewater Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Monroe					
Jurisdictional					
K. W. Resorts Util., Inc.	Flat Rate	\$33.86	\$33.86	761	816
Key Haven Util. Co.	Flat Rate	\$48.61	\$48.61	397	398
County: Nassau					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Water Services Corp. Amelia Island	Uniform Block	\$29.99	\$32.56	1,514	1,611
United Water, Inc (see Duval)	Uniform Block	\$28.04	\$44.74		
County: Okaloosa					
Nonjurisdictional					
Crestview	Uniform Block	\$20.05	\$37.05	3,041	3,555
Destin Water Users, Inc. Destin	Uniform Block	\$22.00	\$22.00		11,927
Fort Walton Beach	Inverted Block	\$21.00	\$34.50	9,045	10,270
Mary Esther	Inverted Block	\$10.18	\$13.04	1,589	1,870
Niceville	Uniform Block	\$12.30	\$18.30	4,684	5,008
Okaloosa County	Uniform Block	\$22.88	\$34.08	23,000	25,000
	Uniform Block	\$22.88	\$34.08	20,384	27,240
Valparaiso	Uniform Block	\$10.10	\$15.60		1,669
County: Okeechobee					
Nonjurisdictional					
Okeechobee	Uniform Block	\$20.15	\$31.35		3,450
Okeechobee Utility Authority	Uniform Block	\$27.44	\$42.64	1,249	1,708
County: Orange					
Jurisdictional					
Country Run Wastewater Utility	Flat Rate	\$28.00	\$28.00	140	140
Florida Water Services Corp. University Shores	Uniform Block	\$43.59	\$48.50	3,419	3,469
Park Manor Waterworks, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$35.85	\$53.30	1,362	1,362

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Seminole					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Druid Hills	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	249	250
Fern Park	Uniform Block	\$23.19	\$36.04	165	178
Harmony Homes	Uniform Block	\$35.72	\$52.17	60	60
Lake Brantley	Uniform Block	\$34.93	\$52.18	67	67
Lake Harriet Estates	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	274	290
Meredith Manor	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	596	655
Sanlando Utilities Corp.					
	Uniform Block	\$6.31	\$8.26	9,110	9,888
Utilities, Inc. of Florida					
	Uniform Block	\$13.77	\$22.07	2,664	2,664
Nonjurisdictional					
Casselberry					
	Inverted Block	\$9.25	\$14.00	14,000	17,000
Lake Mary					
	Inverted Block	\$8.75	\$14.50	3,621	3,873
Oviedo					
	Inverted Block	\$8.30	\$12.30	8,000	8,627
Sanford					
	Inverted Block	\$10.88	\$18.85	9,870	11,300
Seminole County					
	Inverted Block	\$9.85	\$13.10	21,299	26,596
Winter Springs					
	Inverted Block	\$8.13	\$12.68	11,000	11,500
County: St. Johns					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Palm Valley	Uniform Block	\$35.72	\$52.47	192	198
Remington Forest	Uniform Block	\$18.97	\$28.82	77	77
United Water, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$12.60	\$19.40		
Nonjurisdictional					
Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor					
	Uniform Block	\$29.35	\$48.00	58	58
Fruit Cove Properties					
	Uniform Block	\$26.47	\$33.07	144	144
Intercoastal Utilities					
	Uniform Block	\$11.36	\$15.81	2,700	2,766
JCP Utility Company/Cypress Realty, Inc.					
	Uniform Block	\$19.94	\$30.84	1,782	1,842

Water Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: St. Johns					
Nonjurisdictional					
North Beach Utilities	Uniform Block	\$31.52	\$40.22	700	737
St. Augustine	Uniform Block	\$21.88	\$41.03	5,580	7,241
St. Johns County	Uniform Block	\$24.65	\$50.40	17,412	17,952
St. Johns Service Company	Uniform Block	\$15.29	\$20.39	4,400	4,454
Sunray Utilities	Uniform Block	\$23.37	\$31.57	18	18
Wildwood Water Company	Uniform Block	\$34.13	\$54.18	300	326
County: St. Lucie					
Jurisdictional					
Holiday Pines Service Corp.	Uniform Block	\$44.78	\$61.23	657	839
Nonjurisdictional					
Fort Pierce					
Inside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$15.20	\$23.77	12,356	14,998
Outside City Limits	Inverted Block	\$19.03	\$29.71		
Port St. Lucie	Inverted Block	\$20.90	\$38.29	18,000	19,000
St. Lucie County	Uniform Block	\$28.35	\$47.45	2,883	2,946
County: Sumter					
Jurisdictional					
Continental Utility, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$19.86	\$28.46	857	876
Crystal River Utilities, Inc.					
Rosalie Oaks and Woods	Uniform Block	\$26.78	\$39.78	168	168
Little Sumter Utility Company	Inverted Block	\$9.51	\$13.76	368	405
Magnolia Manor Water Works	Uniform Block	\$27.41	\$45.61	49	49
Spruce Creek South Utilities, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$15.66	\$21.16		
Wildwood Estates, EGR Enterprises, Inc	Flat Rate	\$5.85	\$5.85	79	79

Wastewater Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: Sarasota					
Nonjurisdictional					
United Water South Gate	Flat Rate	\$16.78	\$16.78		
Venice	Uniform Block	\$25.20	\$42.05	6,640	7,420
County: Seminole					
Jurisdictional					
Alafaya Palm Valley Associates, Ltd.	Flat Rate	\$8.19	\$8.19	676	676
Alafaya Utilities, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$21.13	\$29.73	4,887	4,887
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Apple Valley	Uniform Block	\$29.99	\$32.56	145	171
Chuluota	Uniform Block	\$57.94	\$65.42	141	141
Meredith Manor	Uniform Block	\$29.99	\$32.56	25	28
Sanlando Utilities Corp.	Uniform Block	\$17.10	\$23.90	7,638	8,905
Utilities, Inc. of Florida	Uniform Block	\$19.12	\$30.27	1,438	1,438
Utilities, Inc. of Longwood	Flat Rate	\$28.75	\$28.75	1,813	1,813
Nonjurisdictional					
Casselberry	Uniform Block	\$21.15	\$34.45	8,000	10,000
Lake Mary	Uniform Block	\$20.15	\$33.80	1,325	1,494
Oviedo	Uniform Block	\$24.15	\$37.30		
Sanford	Inverted Block	\$19.02	\$35.57	9,300	10,400
Seminole County	Uniform Block	\$24.30	\$37.25	19,247	20,120
Winter Springs	Uniform Block	\$19.60	\$32.55	11,000	11,500
County: St. Johns					
Jurisdictional					
United Water, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$28.04	\$44.74		
Nonjurisdictional					
Fruit Cove Properties	Uniform Block	\$22.97	\$31.92	63	63

Wastewater Companies	Rate Structure	Bill at 5,000g	Bill at 10,000g	Residential Customers	Total Customers
County: St. Johns					
Nonjurisdictional					
Intercoastal Utilities	Uniform Block	\$29.32	\$45.62	2,600	2,766
JCP Utility Company/Cypress Realty, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$25.23	\$40.33	1,582	1,642
North Beach Utilities	Flat Rate	\$31.37	\$31.37	700	737
St. Augustine					
Inside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$33.04	\$60.84	4,271	5,538
Outside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$41.30	\$76.05		
St. Johns County	Uniform Block	\$24.81	\$48.26	10,747	11,097
St. Johns Service Company	Uniform Block	\$21.10	\$29.75	4,100	4,454
Sunray Utilities	Uniform Block	\$28.56	\$39.46	18	18
County: St. Lucie					
Jurisdictional					
Florida Water Services Corp.					
Tropical Isles	Flat Rate	\$35.77	\$35.77	243	243
Holiday Out at St. Lucie	Flat Rate	\$12.27	\$12.27	891	891
Holiday Pines Service Corp.	Uniform Block	\$29.37	\$42.42	657	828
Nonjurisdictional					
Fort Pierce					
Inside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$24.55	\$40.30	10,387	12,179
Outside City Limits	Uniform Block	\$24.55	\$50.38		
Port St. Lucie	Uniform Block	\$40.42	\$46.12	11,400	12,000
St. Lucie County					
North Hutchinson Island District	Uniform Block	\$36.44	\$41.43	6,119	6,162
South Hutchinson Island District	Flat Rate	\$16.00	\$16.00		
County: Sumter					
Jurisdictional					
Continental Utility, Inc.	Uniform Block	\$20.26	\$22.70	857	872
Crystal River Utilities, Inc.					
Rosalie Oaks	Uniform Block	\$27.29	\$30.13	85	85
Woods	Uniform Block	\$27.29	\$30.13	81	81
EGR Enterprises, Inc (d/b/a Wildwood Estates)	Flat Rate	\$7.80	\$7.80	79	79