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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 960545-WS  
Water Quality Investigation  
Our File No. 26038.17

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Attached in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Final Order in the above-referenced docket is the most recent report on the status of the pilot project. Please see the attached letter for more detail concerning this status report.

If you have problems with the way in which we are proceeding or have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP

  
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February 19, 2001

Ms. Connie Kurish, General Manager  
Aloha Utilities, Inc.  
6195 Perrine Ranch Road  
New Port Richey, FL 34655

Re: Project Number AUI-021-1-S  
Seven Springs WS Pilot Plant  
Status Report for February, 2001

Dear Connie,

I have prepared this project update letter so that you may use it in the preparation of your monthly report to the FPSC concerning this project.

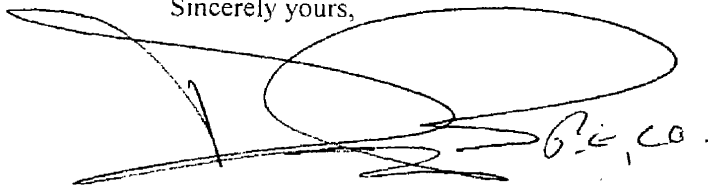
In my January 2001 report I informed you that I had confirmation from Brian Schuette, of Moss-Kelly, and Michael Bourke of Orica Watercare, the owners of the MIEX DOC process, that "bench-top" pilot testing would begin in mid February. The purpose of the "bench-top" testing is to determine the parameters to be used in the upcoming large scale pilot trials that will begin in late April.

All preparations for the "bench-top" pilot testing have been completed and scheduled. Today, the "bench-top" testing work began. This testing will continue for at least two full days. We anticipate that each raw water source (each well) will be evaluated if time permits. A large number of laboratory tests will be conducted on the water produced during the "bench-top" tests. The results of these laboratory tests should be available about 30 days following the completing of the "bench-top" work.

After the laboratory testing data is available, I will prepare a letter report detailing what occurred during the "bench-top" work and the results of the water testing undertaken. Also, the large scale pilot testing program planning will be finalized at that time and we will submit it to you for your review, approval and authorization to proceed.

If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely yours,



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