# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In re: Application of ALOHA     | ) |                      |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| UTILITÎÊS, INC. for an increase | ) |                      |
| in water rates for its Seven    | ) | DOCKET NO. 010503-WU |
| Springs System in Pasco County, | ) |                      |
| Florida.                        | ) |                      |
|                                 | ) |                      |

# AMENDED APPLICATION FOR AN INTERIM INCREASE IN WATER RATES

Applicant, ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. (hereinafter "Aloha", the "Utility", or the "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 367.082, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-30, Florida Administrative Code, files this Amended Application for an Interim Increase in its Water Rates for its Seven Springs System in Pasco County, Florida and in support thereof states as follows:

I.

- 1. On August 10, 2001, Aloha filed its Application for interim and permanent increases in water rates for its water customers in its Seven Springs system.
- 2. By letter dated August 16, 2001, the Utility received notification that its Application met all Minimum Filing Requirements and the official date of filing was established as August 10, 2001 in accordance with Commission rule and statute.
- 3. After further review of the information submitted in support of its interim request, the Utility has decided to amend the interim portion of its request for rate relief, in order to utilize a different historic test period for interim purposes. The original interim request as submitted on August 10, 2001 was based upon use of the calendar year ended December 31, 2000 as a test period for the establishment of interim rates. This Amended Application for an Interim Increase in Water Rates is based upon the historic test year ended June 30, 2001. The more current test period is more representative of the Utility's going-forward operations and costs expected during the interim period.

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- 4. The Utility is submitting the original and 15 copies of the Amended Interim Schedules incorporated herein by reference and attached as Exhibit "A."
  - (a) Rate Base Interim;
  - (b) Net Operating Income Statement Interim;
  - (c) Adjustments to Net Operating Income Interim;
  - (d) Cost of Capital Interim;
  - (e) Reconciliation of Capital Structure to Requested Rate Base;
  - (f) Schedule of Proposed Interim Rates; and
  - (g) The Original and Two Copies of Revised Exhibit 6 (Tariffs Showing Interim Rates).
- 5. Because the calendar year ended December 31, 2000 as reflected in the originally filed interim rate base, operating income, and cost of capital schedules, forms the base year for establishing permanent rates, the attached schedules in Exhibit "A" are not intended to replace any portion of the MFRs as originally filed, but instead to supplement them (with the exception of Exhibit 6, which is replaced by this filing). These revised schedules attached as Exhibit "A" hereto are, however, intended to replace all aspects of the original August 10, 2001 filing for the purposes of presenting Aloha's request for interim rate relief.
- 6. The Utility does not take a position with regard to whether the 60 day period for action by the Commission on interim rates under Section 367.082, Florida Statutes begins anew with the filing of this Amendment, or whether the Amendment refers back to the original filing date. However, for the purposes of interim rate setting, the Utility is willing to accept that the Commission has up to 60 days from the date of this Amended Interim Request to act. This willingness to forgo contesting this issue for the purposes of this specific Amended Interim Request, is based on the staff's stated willingness to expedite a staff recommendation on the relatively minor changes

resulting from this Amended Interim Request and, if at all possible, seek final Commission action and setting of interim rates well in advance of 60 days from today's date.

WHEREFORE, Aloha Utilities, Inc. hereby requests that the Commission accept this Amended Application for Interim Increase in Water Rates and grant such interim rates as are outlined in the Schedule of Proposed Interim Rates included in Exhibit "A" hereof.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001 by:

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F. MARSHALL DETERDING For the Firm

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail or hand delivery (denoted by \*) to the following parties on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001:

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Company: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; Seven Springs Water Division

Docket No.: 010503-WU

Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001

Interim [X] Final [ ] Historic [X] Projected [ ]

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Schedule: B-1 (B)

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Explanation: Provide the calculation of net operating income for the test year. If amortization (Line 4) is related to any amount other than an acquisition adjustment, submit an additional schedule showing a description and calculation of charge.

|      | (1)                                  | (2)<br>Balance      | (3)<br>Utility    | (4)<br>Utility | (5)<br>Requested    | (6)<br>Requested | (7)          |
|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Line |                                      | Per                 | Test Year         | Adjusted       | Revenue             | Annual           | Supporting   |
| No.  | Description                          | Books               | Adjustments       | Test Year      | Adjustment          | Revenues         | Schedule(s)  |
| 1    | OPERATING REVENUES                   | \$ 1,737,086        | <u> </u>          | \$ 1,737,086   | \$ 290,138 (в)      | \$ 2,027,224     | B-4, E-13    |
| 2    | Operation & Maintenance              | 1,467,332           | 64,017 <b>(A)</b> | 1,531,349      | (15,559) (C)        | 1,515,790        | B-5, B-3(A)  |
| 3    | Depreciation, net of CIAC Amort.     | 63,960              |                   | 63,960         |                     | 63,960           | B-13, B-3(A) |
| 4    | Amortization (Contributed Taxes) (1) | (30,691)            |                   | (30,691)       |                     | (30,691)         |              |
| 5    | Taxes Other Than Income              | 298,985             |                   | 298,985        | 11,828 ( <b>D</b> ) | 310,813          | B-15, B-3(A) |
| 6    | Provision for Income Taxes (2)       | 49,564              | -                 | 49,564         |                     | 49,564           | C-1(A)       |
| 7    | OPERATING EXPENSES                   | 1,849,150           | 64,017            | 1,913,167      | (3,731)             | 1,909,436        |              |
| 8    | NET OPERATING INCOME                 | \$ (112,064)        | \$ (64,017)       | \$ (176,081)   | \$ 293,869          | \$ 117,788       |              |
| 9    | RATE BASE                            | <u>\$ 1.327.934</u> |                   | \$ 1,327,934   |                     | \$ 1,327,934     | •            |
| 10   | RATE OF RETURN                       |                     | %                 |                | %                   | 8.87             | %            |
| 11   | Notes: (1) Amortization of contribut | ed taxes is as fol  | lows:             |                |                     |                  |              |
| 12   | Contributed tax co                   | llected             |                   |                | \$ 1,175,890        |                  |              |
| 13   | Amortization rate                    |                     |                   |                | 2.61 %              |                  |              |
| 14   | Annual amortization                  | on                  |                   |                | \$ 30,691           |                  |              |
| 15   | Average accumula                     | ated amortization   |                   |                | <u>\$ 191,510</u>   |                  |              |

(2) The provision for income taxes consists solely of deferred income tax required by Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 168



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Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001

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Historic [X] Projected [ ]

Schedule: B-3 (B)

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Explanation: Provide a detailed description of all adjustments to operating income per books, with a total for each line item shown on the net operating income statement.

| Line |             |  |              |           |            |
|------|-------------|--|--------------|-----------|------------|
| No.  |             | Description  |              | Water     | Wastewater |
| 1    | (A)         | Operations & Maintenance (O & M) Expenses                        |              |           |            |
| 2    | . ,         | 1) PSC Adjustments per Docket No's 000737-WS, 010518-WS          |              |           |            |
| 3    |             | (a) Remove rent expense from old building                        | \$           | (6,118)   | •          |
| 4    |             | (b) Amortize regulatory commission expense of                    |              |           | N/A        |
|      |             | Docket No. 960545-WS   |              | 65,735    |            |
| 5    |             | 2) Amortization of rate case costs related to Docket No.         |              |           |            |
| 6    |             | 000737-WS per Order No. PSC-01-1245-PAA-WS                       |              |           |            |
| 7    |             | (\$29,011 - Aloha Gardens portion (\$11,411) = \$17,600/4 years) |              | 4,400     |            |
| 8    |             |  |              |           |            |
|      |             |  | œ            | 64.017    |            |
| •    |             |  | \$           | 64,017    |            |
| 9    | <b>(D)</b>  |  |              |           |            |
|      | (B)         | Revenue Increase   |              |           |            |
|      |             | Increase in revenue required by the Utility to realize a         | Φ.           | 000 400   |            |
|      |             | 8.87 % rate of return  | \$           | 290,138   |            |
|      |             | ——————————————————————————————————————                           |              |           |            |
| 20   | (C)         | Operations and Maintenance Expense                               | ,            |           | •          |
| 24   |             | Reduce interim revenue requirement for overearnings per Order    | •            | (45.550)  | N 1 / A    |
| 21   |             | No. PSC-01-1374-PAA-WS   | \$           | (15,559)  | N/A        |
|      | <b>(</b> -) |  |              |           |            |
|      | (D)         | Taxes Other Than Income  |              |           |            |
| 10   |             | (1) Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAF's)                           |              |           |            |
| 11   |             | Total revenue requested  | \$           | 2,027,224 |            |
|      |             | RAF rate   |              | 0.045     |            |
| 12   |             |  | <del></del>  |           |            |
|      |             | Total RAF's  |              | 91,225    |            |
| 13   |             | Adjusted test year RAF's   |              | (79,397)  |            |
| 14   |             | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                            | •            |           |            |
| 15   |             | Adjustment required  | \$           | 11,828    |            |
|      |             | <b>√</b>   | <del>*</del> | . 1,020   |            |

# Schedule of Requested Cost of Capital Thirteen Month Average

Florida Public Service Commission

Company: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; Seven Springs Water Division

Docket No.: 010503-WU

Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001 Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001

Historic [X] Projected [ ]

Schedule: D-1 (A)

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Subsidiary [ ] or Consolidated [ ]

Explanation: Provide a schedule which calculates the requested Cost of Capital on a 13-month average basis. If a year-end basis is used, submit an additional schedule reflecting year-end calculations.

|             |                                 | (1)           | (2)    | (3)          | (4)              |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|------------------|
| Line<br>No. |                                 | Total Capital | Ratio  | Cost<br>Rate | Weighted<br>Cost |
| 1           | Long-Term Debt                  | 988,249       | 74.42  | % 9.03       | % 6.72 %         |
| 2           | Short-Term Debt                 |               |        | -            |                  |
| 3           | Preferred Stock                 | 67,990        | 5.12   | 8.93         | 0.46             |
| 4           | Customer Deposits               | 64,006        | 4.82   | 6.00         | 0.29             |
| 5           | Common Equity                   | 207,689       | 15.64  | 8.93         | 1.40             |
| 6           | Tax Credits - Zero Cost         |               |        |              |                  |
| 7           | Accumulated Deferred Income Tax |               |        |              | •                |
| 8           | Other (Explain)                 |               |        |              |                  |
|             |                                 |               |        |              |                  |
| 9           | Total                           | 1,327,934     | 100.00 | %            | 8.87 %           |

Reconciliation of Capital Structure to Requested Rate Base Thirteen Month Average

Florida Public Service Commission

Company: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; Seven Springs Water Division

Docket No.: 010503-WU

Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001 Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001

Historic [X] Projected [ ]

Schedule: D-2 (A)

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Preparer: CJN & W

Explanation: Provide a reconciliation of the 13-month average capital structure to requested rate base. Explain all adjustments. Submit an additional schedule if a year-end basis is used.

|      | (1)                           |      | (2)            | (3)      |                            | (4)     | ********** | (5)         |        | (6)          |
|------|-------------------------------|------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
|      |                               |      |                |          | Reconciliation Adjustments |         |            |             |        |              |
| Line |                               | •    | Test Year      |          |                            |         |            |             |        | To Requested |
| No.  | Class of Capital              |      | Per Books      | Specific | -                          | Prorata | <u>%_</u>  | Prorata Amo | ount   | Rate Base    |
| 1    | Long-Term Debt                | \$   | 8,721,367      |          |                            | 74.42   | %          | (7,733      | 3,118) | 988,249      |
| 2    | Short-Term Debt               |      | 0              |          |                            |         |            | •           | ·      |              |
| 3    | Preferred Stock               |      | 600,000        |          |                            | 5.12    |            | (532        | 2,010) | 67,990       |
| 4    | Common Equity                 |      | 1,832,681      |          |                            | 15.64   |            | (1,624      | 1,992) | 207,689      |
| 5    | Customer Deposits             |      | 564,702        |          |                            | 4.82    |            | (500        | ),696) | 64,006       |
| 6    | Tax Credits - Zero Cost       |      |                |          |                            |         |            |             |        |              |
| 7    | Tax Credits - Wtd. Cost       |      |                |          |                            |         |            |             |        |              |
| 8    | Accum. Deferred Income Tax    |      |                |          |                            |         |            |             |        |              |
| 9    | Accum Deferred Income Tax     |      |                |          |                            |         |            |             |        |              |
| 10   | (Debits)(Note 2)              |      |                |          | -                          |         |            |             |        |              |
| 11   | Total                         | \$   | 11,718,750     | \$ -     |                            | 100.00  | %          | \$ (10,390  | 0,816) | \$ 1,327,934 |
| 12   | * List corresponding adjustme | ents | to rate base l | oelow:   |                            |         |            |             |        | •            |

13 Description Amount

Supporting Schedules: A-19,C-7,C-8,D-3,D-4,D-5,D-7

Recap Schedules: D-1

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Docket No.: 010503-WU

Schedule Year Ended: June 30, 2001

Water [X] or Sewer [ ]

Schedule: E-1 (A) Page 1 of 1

Preparer: CJN & W

Explanation: Provide a schedule of present and proposed rates. State residential sewer cap, if one exists.

| Line | (1)                                       | (2)<br>Test Year |     | (2)<br>Test Year | (3)<br>Present | (4)<br>Proposed | (6)<br>Rates |
|------|---|------------------|-----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| No   | Class/Meter Size                          | Rates (1)        |     | Rates (2)        | <br>Rates (3)  | Interim         | Final        |
| 1    | Residential                               |                  |     |                  |                |                 |              |
| 2    | Base facility charge:                     |                  |     |                  |                |                 |              |
| 3    | 5/8" x 3/4" (3,000 gallons minimum)       | \$ 7.12          | \$  | 7.17             | \$<br>7.32     | \$<br>8.37      | 9.23         |
| 4    | Gallonage Charge (per 1000 gallons        |                  |     |                  |                |                 |              |
| 5    | in excess of minimum)                     | 1.27             |     | 1.28             | 1.32           | 1.49            |              |
| 6    | Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:       |                  |     |                  |                |                 |              |
| 7    | Up to 10,00 gallons                       |                  |     |                  |                |                 | 2.24         |
| 8    | Over 10,000 gallons                       |                  |     |                  |                |                 | 2.81         |
| 9    | General Service                           |                  |     |                  |                |                 |              |
| 10   | 5/8" x 3/4" (3,000 gallons minimum)       | 7.12             |     | 7.17             | 7.32           | 8.37            | 9.23         |
| 11   | 1" (8,000 gallons minimum)                | 18.94            |     | 19.06            | 19.46          | 22.24           | 23.08        |
| 12   | 1 1/2" (15,000 gallons minimum)           | 35.52            |     | 35.75            | 36.49          | 41.72           | 46.15        |
| 13   | 2" (24,000 gallons minimum)               | 57.24            |     | 57.61            | 58.80          | 67.23           | 73.84        |
| 14   | 3" (48,000 gallons minimum)               | 113.73           |     | 114.46           | 116.83         | 133.57          | 147.68       |
| 15   | 4" (75,000 gallons minimum)               | 178.00           |     | 179.14           | 182.85         | 209.06          | 230.75       |
| 16   | 6" (150,000 gallons minimum)              | 275.27           |     | 227.03           | 282.76         | 264.94          | 461.50       |
| 17   | 8" (240,000 gallons minimum)              | 562.36           |     | 565.96           | 577.67         | 660.48          | 738.40       |
| 18   | 10" (345,000 gallons minimum)             | -                |     | 824.55           | 841.62         | 962.25          | 1,338.35     |
| 19   | Gallonage Charge (per 1000 gallons        |                  |     |                  |                |                 | •            |
| 20   | in excess of minimum)                     | 1.27             |     | 1.28             | 1.32           | 1.49            | 2.24         |
| 21   | Notes: (1) Rates per 1995 Index, Effectiv | e November 5, 1  | 996 | 3                |                |                 |              |

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<sup>(2):</sup> Test year rates per 1999 Index Adjustment effective 1/18/00 and implemented 2/10/00

<sup>24</sup> (3) Present rates per 2001 Index, Effective July 24, 2001

<sup>25</sup> (4) The vacation rate is one-half of the base rate for 5/8" meter

<sup>26</sup> (5) Proposed gallonage charges eliminate the minimum gallonage charges included in the base facility charge.

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. TWENTY THIRD REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0 Water Tariff Cancels Twenty Second Revised Sheet No. 17.0

## GENERAL SERVICE

#### RATE SCHEDULE GS

<u>AVAILABILITY</u> - Available in Seven Springs.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For water service to any customer for which no other schedule applies.

<u>LIMITATIONS</u> - Subject to all the rules and regulations of this tariff and general rules and regulations of the Commission.

# RATES - (Monthly)

| <u>Meter Size</u> | Base Facility | <u>Charge</u> |         |         |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 5/8" x 3/4"       | \$ 8.37       | Minimum       | 3,000   | gallons |
| 1"                | 22.24         | Minimum       | 8,000   | gallons |
| 1-1/2"            | 41.72         | Minimum       | 15,000  | gallons |
| 2 "               | 67.23         | Minimum       | 24,000  | gallons |
| 3 "               | 133.57        | Minimum       | 48,000  | gallons |
| 4 <sup>11</sup>   | 209.06        | Minimum       | 75,000  | gallons |
| 6"                | 264.94        | Minimum       | 150,000 | gallons |
| 8"                | 660.48        | Minimum       | 240,000 | gallons |
| 10"               | 962.25        | Minimum       | 345,000 | qallons |

GALLONAGE CHARGE - \$1.49 per 1,000 gallons in excess of minimum.

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

TYPE OF FILING: 2001 Interim Rates

Stephen G. Watford ISSUING OFFICER

President TITLE



## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

#### RATE SCHEDULE RS

AVAILABILITY - Available in Seven Springs.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.

<u>LIMITATIONS</u> - Subject to all the rules and regulations of this tariff and general rules and regulations of the Commission.

# RATES - (Monthly)

| Meter Size  | Base Facility | Charge  |         |         |
|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 5/8" x 3/4" | \$ 8.37       | Minimum | 3,000   | gallons |
| 1"          | 22.24         | Minimum | 8,000   | gallons |
| 1-1/2"      | 41.72         | Minimum | 15,000  | gallons |
| 2 "         | 67.23         | Minimum | 24,000  | gallons |
| 3 "         | 133.57        | Minimum | 48,000  | gallons |
| 4 "         | 209.06        | Minimum | 75,000  | gallons |
| 6 "         | 264.94        | Minimum | 150,000 | gallons |
| 8 "         | 660.48        | Minimum | 240,000 | gallons |
| 10"         | 962.25        | Minimum | 345,000 | qallons |

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