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HAND DELIVERY

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Chairman Lila Jaber
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge
2003 General Rate Increase Application
Our File No. 30057.43

Dear Chairman Jaber:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge ("Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its wastewater system located in Lee County, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before August 15, 2003.

By Order No. PSC-98-0514-FOF-SU, in Docket No. 951008-SU, the Commission approved the transfer of the facilities and certificate of Eagle Ridge Utilities, Inc., to the Company. That Order confirmed the rate base and rates established in February, 1985 in Order No. 14133 in Docket No. 840320-SU. The Company's last appearance before the Commission was in Docket No. 001820-SU, which approved the transfer of the wastewater system of Cross Creek of Fort Myers Community Association, Inc., a utility not regulated by the Commission, to the Company. By Order No. PSC-01-1792-PAA-SU, the Commission approved the transfer and established rate base for that portion of the wastewater system as of December 31, 2000.

The Company proposes a test year of the year ending December 31, 2002. The Company believes that year is representative of current operations and is a representative period to measure the cost of service and to establish new rates.

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Attached is a Schedule showing major pro forma plant additions. The MFRs will include pro forma adjustments for increases in health care, insurance, purchased power, tuition reimbursement and other costs, which will be requested in this proceeding.

Should you or members of the Staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Blanca Bayo, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director (via hand delivery)
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**Eagle Ridge
Pro Forma Plant**

<u>System</u>	<u>W/O #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Costs to Date</u>	<u>Additional Cost to Complete</u>	<u>Total Cost of Project</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Estimated Date of Completion</u>
Eagle Ridge	Not Assigned	Improvement WWTP Aeration	0	10,000	\$ 10,000		10,000	Aug-03
Eagle Ridge	Not Assigned	Install Aqua Disc filter	0	150,000	\$ 150,000		150,000	Sep-04
Eagle Ridge	Not Assigned	Pump Station Capacity Increase No. 5	0	25,000	\$ 25,000		25,000	Aug-03
Total			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 185,000</u>	<u>\$ 185,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 185,000</u>	