DOCKET NO.: 020071-WS - Application for rate increase in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

WITNESS: Direct Testimony of Gary P. Miller, Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GARY P. MILLER

- 2 | Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 3 A. Gary P. Miller, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3319
- 4 | Maguire Blvd., Suite 232, Orlando, Fl. 32803
- $5 \mid Q$. Please give a brief description of your educational background and
- 6 experience.

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- 7 | A. I have a B.S. in Biology. I worked for the Osceola County Health
- 8 | Department in the environmental health section for approximately 5 years and
- 9 | for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the wastewater
- 10 and drinking water sections for approximately 19 years.
- 11 | Q. By whom are you currently employed and in what capacity?
- 12 A. I am the Program Manager in the Wastewater Compliance/Enforcement
- 13 | Section of DEP.
- 14 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the DEP?
- 15 A. I manage the Wastewater Compliance/Enforcement Section which includes
- 16 reviewing all enforcement documents (warning letters, consent orders, notice
- | 17 | of violations etc.) and noncompliance letters of all Type I and II domestic
- 18 wastewater facilities and conducting enforcement and compliance meetings.
- 19 Q. Are you familiar with Utilities, Inc. of Florida's wastewater systems
- 20 in Seminole County, particularly the Lincoln Heights and Weathersfield
- 21 | Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTF)?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Does the utility have the appropriate current permits from the DEP for
- 24 | these facilities?
- 25 | A. Domestic wastewater treatment plant permits are not required for those

- 1 | facilities. The Lincoln Heights WWTF was shut down on July 6, 2001 with the
- 2 | flow being diverted to the City of Sanford WWTF. The Weathersfield WWTF was
- 3 | shut down many years ago with the flow being diverted to the City of Altamonte
- 4 Springs WWTF.
- Q. Do the utility's pump stations and lift stations meet DEP requirements
- 6 with respect to location, reliability and safety?
- 7 A. Yes. No recent deficiencies have been noted for either facility.
- 8 Q. Are the collection facilities in compliance with all other provisions
- 9 of Title 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously mentioned?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Has the utility been subject of any DEP enforcement action within the
- 12 | past two years?
- 13 A. Yes. Prior to the Lincoln Heights WWTF being shut down, the utility
- 14 entered into a consent order with the DEP (OGC File No. 98-2102). All of the
- 15 requirements of the consent order have been completed and the case is closed.
- 16 Q. Do you have anything further to add?
- 17 A. No, I do not.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of Gary P. Miller has been furnished to Martin S. Friedman, Esquire, Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, 600 S. North Lake Blvd., Ste. 160, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701, and Stephen Burgess, Esquire, Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 W. Madison St., Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400, by U.S. Mail, this 16th day of June.

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