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Public Service Commission

August 28, 2003

Mr. Allan Martin, Property Manager,
Hacienda Utilities, LTD.
7107 Gibraltar Avenue
New Port Richey, FL 34653-4014

Re: **Docket No.:** 030747-SU; **Company Name:** Hacienda Utilities, LTD.; **Audit Purpose:** Establish rate base for date of transfer as of December 31, 2002; **Audit Control No.:** 03-240-2-1

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to establish the rate base for the date of transfer as of December 31, 2002, in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Access will be requested to documents and records of the utility and, if necessary, supporting records for affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the utility's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. Mr. Joseph Rohrbacher, the Tampa district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Mr. Rohrbacher can be reached at (813) 356-1444. Questions regarding the audit or audit staff should be directed to the district supervisor or myself. My phone number is (850) 413-6487.

The Audit Access to Records rule for each industry states:

In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss the issue with successive levels of supervisors at the Commission until an agreement is reached.

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A formal report is expected to be issued for internal Commission use on November 14, 2003. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,



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Bureau of Auditing

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