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Ms. Blanca Bayo Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No.: 020567-WS; Investigation of Possible Overearnings by Lake Groves Utilities, Inc., in Lake County <u>Our File No.: 30057.30</u>

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.

POTENTIAL OVEREARNINGS INVESTIGATION Docket No.: 020567-WS

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC. (*LUSI*), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, hereby requests confidential classification of certain work papers provided by LUSI in connection with the audit of this matter (*Work Papers*).

1. The information which LUSI seeks to be classified as confidential consists of (a) summaries of resolutions by the Board of Directors of Utilities, Inc., the parent company of LUSI (*UI*) relating to changes in the compensation of certain officers of UI and limitations on the authority of officers of UI to acquire and dispose of property of UI or otherwise create obligations that would be binding on UI; and (b) the names and salaries of officers and employees of LUSI's parent company, Utilities, Inc., (*Confidential Information*).

2. Attached to this Request is (i) a "Justification Table" which specifies the Confidential Information contained in the Work Papers that LUSI requests the Commission to classify as confidential and the statutory justification for the request in compliance with FAC Rules 25-22.006(4)(a) and (c) and (ii) one highlighted copy and two redacted copies of the Work Papers as required by FAC Rule 25-22.006(4)(a).

3. The Confidential Information should be classified as confidential because it is proprietary confidential business information owned or controlled by UI and intended by UI and LUSI to be, and is treated by UI and LUSI, as private, in that disclosure of the information would cause harm to the business operations and personnel of UI and its subsidiaries and has not been disclosed, except pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of court or administrative body, or a private agreement that provides that the confidential information will not be released to the public, as set out in Section 367.156(3), Florida Statutes.

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5. The Confidential Information relating to the names of certain officers and employees and changes in their compensation is "employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications or responsibilities as provided in Section 367.156 (3)(f), Florida Statutes. The information sought to be kept confidential relates only to the identity of the officer or employee, not the compensation provided. Its disclosure would tend to embarrass the officers and employees involved, and impair the ability of UI to hire qualified and competent personnel at competitive salaries.

6. The Confidential Information should be classified as confidential because its disclosure is not required by law or the public interest and its disclosure would not serve any public purpose.

WHEREFORE, Lake Utility Services, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission determine that the Confidential Information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, FAC, and exempt from public disclosure under Section 119.07 (1), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted on this \mathcal{D}^{th} day of September, 2002 by:

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For the Firm

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO.: 020567-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing REQUEST FOR

CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION has been furnished by U.S. Mail this $\frac{6}{2}$ day of September,

2003, to the following parties:

Mr. Jeffrey A. Small, Audit Manager Florida Public Service Commission Division of Auditing and Safety Hurston Tower North, Suite N512 400 West Robinson Street Orlando, FL 32801-1775

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JUSTIFICATION TABLE DOCKET NO. 020567-WS REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.								
Working Paper No.	Description	No. of Pages	Confidential?	Line/No. Column No.	Florida Statute 367.156(3) Subsection			
8	Notes - Board of Directors' Minutes	1	Yes	Lines 2-3 Redacted Information Only All of Lines 10-20 All of Line 36	(f)			
Unnumbered	Florida Salary Changes (Memo on Retiring Employees	1	Yes	Redacted Information Only (Names of officers and employees)	(f)			

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