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

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Re: Docket No. 030446-SU; Application by Mid-County Services, Inc., for Rate Interess in Pinellas County, Florida

Our File No.: 30057.59

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Mid-County Services, Inc., provides the following supplemental responses to Staff's data requests dated May 3, 2004:

DATA REQUEST NO. 12:

Please explain why MFR schedule F-6, page 2 of 2 (revised), lists 15.04 miles of total sewer mains, and the Distribution of Expenses manual, SE52, indicates that sewer mains total 24.53 miles.

COM ____RESPONSE: The MFR Schedule F-6 is an I&I Analysis and excludes force mains, which accounts for the variance between the two numbers. Please refer to the attached schedule which provides the linear footage of the force mains in length and diameter.

GCL DATA REQUEST NO. 15:

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Provide a list of all plant improvements made since 2000, and any improvements anticipated to commence by the end of 2004 that impact odor and noise control for the wastewater treatment plant. Include the actual or anticipated dates the improvements were (or will be)

RCA placed in service, the corresponding costs associated with each improvement, and the associated primary plant accounts where the costs were or will be recorded. Detail whether any of these amounts were included in the Utility's requested rate base for this docket.

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9. In late 2000, the utility made a significant repair to the collection system where a collapsed pipe had allowed quite a bit of groundwater to enter the system. The benefit of the repair on the plant was a sizable reduction in wet weather flow and a resulting reduction in the amount of wastewater treated. This was a capital project that was included in the utility's rate base.

The utility intends to continue to improve the facilities in a cost-effective manner. Proposed additional improvements to the headworks and static screen include:

- A. Fabricate and install a stainless steel enclosure over the top and rear faces of the static screen. Estimated cost is \$8,700. This will be a capital project that will be included as plant, in service on completion.
- B. Fabricate and install a PVC or fiberglass "skirt" below the static screen. This will prevent the aerosols generated by the drop of wastewater from the static screen to the equalization tank water surface from carrying out of the tank. No estimate is available at this time. This will be a capital project that was included in the utility's rate base. This will be a capital project that will be included as plant, in service on completion.

Attached is a quotation for the proposed improvements at the static screen and North Plant return sludge lines.

Item #1 describes the cost to install a containment box under the bar screen, with a flanged PVC downpipe connecting to the containment box and terminating at the equalization tank's low-level water elevation. This will act to prevent volatile materials from being stripped from the wastewater as it falls into the tank, and thereby reduce the odors that may be otherwise carried out of the equalization tank. Additionally, Item #1 includes the contractor installing stainless steel sheet material with hinges to enclose the top and back of the static screen.

Item #2 in the same proposal, describes the cost to replace the existing 8" PVC sludge return line and vent stack with twin 6" PVC lines. This effort will provide for the permanent elimination of the existing vent stack, and thereby decrease the release of gases above the equalization tank and first air bay.

With regard to the operation of the dumpster located near the headworks and static screen equipment:

1. The dumpster is emptied three times per week. A garbage truck routinely stops

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and empties the contents into the truck, then repositions the dumpster under the vertical chute. This is a quick process and does not require the removal of the dumpster from the WWTP site.

- 2. Mulch is added to the dumpster by operations staff about two times per day, usually once per shift.
- 3. A banana-scented powder material is added to the dumpster two or three times per day. This acts to mask the odors generated inside the dumpster as the screening material is collected.
- 4. The material removed by the static screen falls into a dewatering screw that is mounted horizontally. This dewatering screw moves the material toward the north end of the device where it eventually falls into the exit chute and into the dumpster. This process acts to reduce the amount of water carried to the dumpster, and thereby reduces the volume and weight of screening material.

Please feel free to contact me, if you should have any questions.

VALERIE L. LORD

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VLL/tlc Enclosures

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elow is our proposal to do the following work at Mid-County Wastewater Treatment Plant

Have fabricated and install stainless steel containment box under existing acrew-style bar screen. This containment box will be made of 1/4" thick stainless steel.

\$7,100,00 Parts 1,200,00 Labor \$8,300,00 Total:

Eliminate 8" sludge return and replace with two 6" sludge return 2... lines.

> \$ 400.00 Parts \$ 800.00 Labor: \$1,200.00 Total:

This quote will be honored for 30 days.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide services to you.

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