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North Peninsula Utilities Corporation; PSC Docket No. 030601-SU Re:

Our File No. 26097.04

Dear Ms. Bayo:

In accordance with my discussions with the Public Service Commission staff members assigned to the above-referenced case earlier today, North Peninsula Utilities has been substantially damaged by the effects of both hurricanes Charley and Frances, and has experienced substantial damage to not only its lift stations and treatment facilities, but also to its office. The effects of those storms will very likely affect the settlement proposals submitted to the Commission last week and as such, we request that there be a delay of action on that proposal for at least the next 45 days, to allow the Utility an opportunity to assess the damage to the system and offices and their effect on the settlement proposal, as well as to allow the Utility the opportunity to devote its energies to getting its operations and its office back in order, after two devastating hurricanes.

We appreciate the Commission and its staff's assistance and indulgence in this regard. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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