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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application of Aloha ) Utilities, Inc. for approval ) of a new class of service for ) Docket No. private fire protection service.

# APPLICATION OF ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CLASS OF SERVICE FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

COMES NOW Aloha Utilities, Inc. (hereinafter "Aloha" or "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-9.004, Florida Administrative Code, and files this Application for Approval of a New Class of Service for Private Fire Protection water service in its Seven Springs system, and in support thereof states:

1. The exact name of the Company and the address of its principal business office is:

> ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. 6915 Perrine Ranch Road New Port Richey, Florida 34655

- 2. The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application is:
  - F. Marshall Deterding Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850)877-6555 (850)656-4029 fax
- Bergen Materials Corp. ("customer") is an existing 3. customer of Aloha Utilities, Inc., and has been provided with water

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and wastewater service pursuant to Aloha's tariff, for approximately two years.

- 4. The customer has now requested that the Utility provide it with a new type of service separating a dedicated fire line from the potable service within their building. Aloha does not have an existing tariff for this type of service at this time.
- 5. Aloha has agreed to apply for a new class of service in order to provide this customer with the service requested and to begin charging the customer (based upon the new rates) as soon as the new class of service is approved and the customer's system is reconfigured to separate the fire line from the potable services with appropriate metering devices and other hardware installed.
- 6. At the present time, there is only one customer who will be receiving this service. Therefore, the attached tabulation of the typical bill and the amount of annual revenue loss under the present and proposed rates are calculated on this one customer alone.
- 7. To the extent a substantial number of existing customers of the Utility request to convert their existing on-site configuration to receive similar change in service, the revenue impact may be substantial, but at this time such impact is unmeasurable because it would require complete speculation as to the number of entities who would seek to make such a change.
  - 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are calculations of a

change in the typical bill for this customer under the existing and proposed rate and system reconfiguration and calculation of the annual revenue change under the new configuration for this customer.

- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" are four copies of the proposed new tariff, to implement this new class of service for private fire protection. Included in those tariffs is a requirement that the customer demonstrate that the private fire line is solely and clearly for fire protection services only, and in no way is connected with or providing any of the separate domestic service. As this is a major concern to the Utility with any reconfigured system for existing customers, as well as with new customers who will need to demonstrate such a separation of services for initial service under this tariff, appropriate metering devices and hardware will be required as a condition of the Utility providing such service.
- 10. This proposal is in the public interest in that it will allow more options to customers who wish to completely separate their fire protection system from their potable water system onsite and then to receive a lower rate for water and sewer service as a result of their ability to make such a separation.
- 11. The rate proposed to be paid by this customer for private fire protection is 1/12 of the base facility charge for a regular water line utilized for domestic purposes, in accordance with

standard Commission practice.

- 12. In order to qualify for this new service, this customer will be responsible for constructing, reconfiguring, and maintenance of the on-site system and providing the appropriate plans and engineering specs to assure Aloha of the complete separation of the fire flow and domestic services. The customer will also be responsible for providing meters and interconnections to the Utility's system in accordance with the Utility's standard service availability policy, in order to accommodate the provision of the new class of service.
- 13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** is an affidavit that a copy of the application was given in accordance with Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes by regular mail to the Chief Executive Officer of the governing body of each county within the service area included in this request.

WHEREFORE, Aloha Utilities, Inc. requests that the Public Service Commission approve this new class of service for private fire protection service in its Seven Springs system.

Respectfully submitted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2004, by:

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Tel.: (850) 877-6555 Fax: (850) 656-4029

F. MARSHALL DETERDING

WATER: <u>Current Monthly Charges</u> <u>Proposed Monthly Charges</u>

4" Base \$102.68/month

4" Private Fire Flow Protection \$8.56/month 1 ½" GS Base \$20.54/month

Gallonage\* n/a n/a

**SEWER:** 

4" Base \$352.00/month

1 ½" Base \$70.40/month

Gallonage\* n/a n/a

\*Gallonage charges are unchanged from current to proposed charges

# **Calculation of Annual Revenue Change**

Current Combined Base Charges = \$ 454.68 Proposed Combined Base Charges = \$ 99.50

Net Monthly Revenue Loss <u>\$ 355.18</u>

x 12

Annual Revenue Loss \$4,262.16

Gallonage charges are unchanged from current to proposed charges, as such, they have no effect on the change in annual revenue.

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.

Proposed Tariff Sheet

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. WATER TARIFF
Seven Springs System

### PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

#### RATE SCHEDULE PF

<u>AVAILABILITY</u> - Available throughout the Seven Springs service area.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For any dedicated private fire protection lines to any customer who requests such service and can demonstrate to the Utility that they have such a dedicated fire service line. The Utility shall require an appropriate metering device in each circumstance to ensure that all water consumed is appropriately metered and to ensure that the line through which service rendered under this tariff is dedicated solely for fire protection purposes.

<u>LIMITATIONS</u> - Subject to all the rules and regulations of this tariff and general rules and regulations of the Commission.

## RATES - (Monthly)

<u>Meter Size</u>	Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 0.34
1"	0.86
1-1/2"	1.71
2 "	2.74
3 "	5.48
4 "	8.56
6"	17.11
8 "	27.38
10"	39.36

GALLONAGE CHARGE - \$1.52 per 1,000 gallons

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE - , 2004 STEPHEN G. WATFORD ISSUING OFFICER

TYPE OF FILING - New Class of Service PRESIDENT TITLE

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ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.

Affidavit of Mailing

### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared TONYA SIMPSON, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is the secretary of F. Marshall Deterding, attorney for Aloha Utilities, Inc. and that on October 1, 2004, she did send by regular U.S. mail, a copy of the Application attached to this Affidavit to the governmental bodies required by Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $1^{\rm st}$  day of October, 2004, by Tonya M. Simpson, who is personally known to me.

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MY COMMISSION # DD194641 EXPIRES
March 30, 2007
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.