

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of ALOHA )  
UTILITIES, INC. for an increase )  
in water rates for its Seven ) DOCKET NO. 010503-WU  
Springs System in Pasco County, )  
Florida. )  
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ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Aloha Utilities, Inc. ("Aloha" or "Utility") by and through its undersigned counsel hereby files its prehearing statement and states:

A. All Known Witnesses

Aloha intends to call the following witnesses:

Audrey Levine, PhD, P.E., 4202 East Fowler Avenue, ENB 118, Tampa, FL 33620.

David Porter, P.E. C.O., 3197 Ryans Court, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

Both Mr. Porter and Dr. Levine will testify concerning the location at which samples should be taken in order to determine compliance with the requirements of Order No. PSC-04-0712-PAA-WU as those requirements have been confirmed by Order No. PSC-04-0831-CO-WS and the methodology for determining that compliance.

Aloha reserves the right to call additional witnesses, witnesses to respond to Commission inquiries not addressed in direct or rebuttal testimony and witnesses to address issues not presently designated, but that may be designated by the Prehearing Officer at the prehearing conference on February 24, 2005, or which arise from live testimony at hearing.

Aloha may introduce certain deposition transcripts, or introduce certain live testimony, at the hearing.

B. All Known Exhibits

The Utility will utilize all exhibits prefiled with its direct testimony and all those prefiled with its rebuttal testimony. The Utility will also use various undetermined exhibits on cross-examination of other witnesses and additional exhibits as necessary.

Aloha may introduce deposition transcripts into evidence, whether designated as exhibits or otherwise.

C. Aloha's Statement of Basic Position

The Utility currently meets a goal of 0.1 mg/L of sulfides in its finished water as that water leaves the treatment facilities of the Utility. Aloha is in the process of completing improvements to its wells 8 and 9 and then to its other wells. Compliance with such goal should be determined based upon samples taken at least annually from a point of connection just after all treatment systems and before entry of such water into the transmission and distribution system of the Utility.

D. Issues & Aloha's Respective Positions

The following are the only issues identified by Aloha and the only issues authorized pursuant to the PAA and Consummating Order taken together.

**ISSUE 1:**

What is the appropriate location at which compliance with the goal for finished water should be determined pursuant to Order No. PSC-04-0712-PAA-WS and Consummating Order No. PSC-04-0831-CO-WS?

**POSITION:** Compliance with the goal of 0.1 mg/L contained in Order No. PSC-04-0712-PAA-WS should be determined by utilizing the standard methodologies approved for the detection of sulfides in the finished water conducted in accordance with the standard methods for the profession and the industry. Such samples should be undertaken at least annually at the point of connection of Aloha's treatment

systems and before entry of such water into the transmission and distribution system of the Utility. (Witnesses Porter and Levine)

**ISSUE 2:** What are the appropriate methodologies for determining compliance with the revised standard contained in Order No. PSC-04-0712-PAA-WS and the location at which compliance is to be measured?

**POSITION:** The methodologies to be utilized are the methodologies approved for the detection of sulfides in finished water, the same ones that would be appropriate for use under, and conducted in accordance with, the standard methods for the profession and the industry. (Witnesses Porter and Levine)

E. Stipulated Issues

There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

F. Pending Matters

There are no pending motions or other matters that the party seeks action upon at this time. However, additional motions and issues may arise between now and the date of the final hearing.

G. Pending Requests or Claims for Confidentiality

There are currently no pending requests or claims for confidentiality.

H. Requirements that Cannot be Complied With

There are no requirements of Order No. PSC-04-0728-PCO-WS that cannot be complied with at this time.

I. Objections to Witnesses' Qualifications as an Expert

Aloha will object to any opinions presented by the Petitioners who do not have the qualifications to present such opinions.

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This includes, but is not limited to, certain opinions offered  
by Dr. Kurien.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the **ALOHA'S PREHEARING STATEMENT** has been furnished via Hand Delivery (\*) or U.S. Mail to the following on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005:

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