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FROM:

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RE:

**Docket No:** 060253-WS;

Company Name: Utilities, Inc. of Florida

Audit Purpose: File & Suspend Rate Case

Audit Control No: 06-291-2-1

Attached are revised pages 8 and 9 to the staff audit report issued by memo dated January 18, 2007. I am sending the utility a copy of this memo and a copy of the revised pages. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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## **AUDIT FINDING NO. 1**

## SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENT TO PRIOR ORDER (LESS WISBAR)

**AUDIT ANALYSIS:** Order No. PSC-03-1440-WS, issued December 22, 2003, required the utility to post several adjustments to its rate base balances as of December 31, 2001.

The utility posted the above order adjustments to its general ledger on March 16, 2006 and April 27, 2006, with an effective date of December 31, 2005. The above postings also included additional adjustments to record the cumulative effect of posting the December 31, 2001 adjustments as of December 31, 2005.

The audit staff's review of the utility's posted adjustments indicates the following.

- 1. In some instances the utility posted the average balance adjustment instead of the year-end adjustment that was displayed in the above order.
- 2. The utility did not post a \$107,000 adjustment to Seminole County for contributions-in-aid-of-construction it received from the City of Altamonte Springs.

**EFFECT ON THE GENERAL LEDGER:** The following adjustments are needed to correct the utility's general ledger to the adjustments required in the above-mention order. See the schedule that follows for the audit staff's calculations.

<u>County</u> Marion	Utility <u>Acct. No.</u> 1083010 1084000 2151000	NARUC <u>Acct. No</u> 108 108 215	Acct. Description Acc/Dep - Water Plant Acc/Dep - W/Water Plant Retained Earnings	<u>Debit</u> \$318	<u>Credit</u> \$50 \$268
Orange	1083010 1083014 1083021 1083025 1083032 2151000	108 108 108 108 108 215	Acc/Dep - Water Plant Acc/Dep - Wells & Springs Acc/Dep - Structures- Treatment Acc/Dep - Pumping Equipment Acc/Dep - Treatment Equipment Retained Earnings	\$99 \$80 \$195 \$498 \$86	\$958
Pasco	1083010 1084000 2151000 2722000 2723000	108 108 215 272 272	Acc/Dep - Water Plant Acc/Dep - W/Water Plant Retained Earnings Acc/Amortz. Of CIAC - Water Acc/Amortz. Of CIAC - W/Water	\$59 \$10,365	\$7,208 \$1,795 \$1,421
Pinellas	1083010 2151000	108 215	Acc/Dep - Water Plant Retained Earnings	\$452	\$452
Seminole	1083010 1083025 1084000 2151000 2711000 2722000 4072000		Acc/Dep - Water Plant Acc/Dep - Pumping Equipment Acc/Dep - W/Water Plant Retained Earnings CIAC - Water Acc/Amortz. Of CIAC - Water CIAC Amortz. Exp Water	\$766 \$30 \$91,968 \$17,833	\$30 \$107,000 \$3,567

**EFFECT ON THE FILING:** The general ledger adjustments above have the following effect on the utility's 13-month average rate base and net operating income balances presented in its filing.

Marion County	Water	Increase Rate Base	\$318	
Marion County	W/Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$50	
Orange County	Water	Increase Rate Base	\$958	
Pasco County	Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$9,003	(\$7,208+\$1,795)
Pasco County	<b>W</b> /Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$1,362	(\$1,421 - \$59)
Pinellas County	Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$452	
Seminole County	Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$90,154	(\$107,000 -\$16,050(a) - \$766 - \$30)
Seminole County	Water	Increase NOI	\$3,567	
Seminole County	<b>W</b> /Water	Reduce Rate Base	\$30	

(a) \$16,050 is the 13-month average balance for Acc/Amortz. of CIAC. Assumes simple average balance equals 13-month average balance because the annual accrual of \$3,567 represents monthly accruals of \$297. (Dec05 Balance of \$17,833 + Dec04 balance of \$14,267)/2. All other amounts are prior to December 2004, therefore they equal the 13-month average adjustment.

MARION -	WATER				MARION -	W/WATER			
Acct. No.	Per Utility	<u>Per Order</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>		Acct. No.	Per Utility	<u>Per Order</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	
1083010	\$1,307	\$1,608	\$301	Α	1084000	(\$63)	(\$126)	(\$63)	
1083010	\$17	\$34	\$17	Α	1084000	\$13	\$26	<u>\$13</u>	Α
			\$318					(\$50)	
ORANGE	ORANGE - WATER								
Acct. No.	Per Utility	Per Order	<u>Adjustment</u>						
1083010	\$100	\$199	\$99	Α					
1083014	\$3,739	\$3,934	\$195	Α					
1083021	\$2,277	\$2,357	\$80	Α					
1083025	\$9,973	\$10,471	\$498	Α					
1083032	\$2,211	\$2,297	\$86	Α					
	VATER (Les	•			PASCO - W/WATER (Less WisBar)				
Acct. No.	Per Utility	<u>Per Order</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>		<u>Acct. No.</u>	Per Utility	<u>Per Order</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	
2722000	(1,795)	(3,590)	(\$1,795)	Α	2723000	(\$1,421)	(\$2,842)	(\$1,421)	Α
					1084000	\$59	\$118	\$59	Α
1083010	(\$61,113)	(\$78,303)	(\$17,190)	Α.					
1083010	\$25,324	\$35,223	\$9,899	Α					
1083010	\$83	\$166	<u>\$83</u>	Α					
			(\$7,208)						
PINELLAS									
<u>Acct. No.</u>	Per Utility	<u>Per Order</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>						
1083010	\$453	\$905	\$452	Α					
SEMINOLE - WATER				SEMINOLE - W/WATER					
Acct. No.	Per Utility	Per Order	Adjustment		Acct. No.	Per Utility	Per Order	<u>Adjustment</u>	
1083010	\$1,307	\$2,073	\$766	Α	1084000	\$90,450	\$90,420	(\$30)	Α
1083025	\$31	\$61	\$30	Α					
2711000	\$0	(\$107,000)	(\$107,000)	В					
2723000	\$0	\$3,567	\$17,833	B,C					
4073000			(\$3,567)	D					

- A The utility adjustment picked up the average adjustment from the order balance rather then the year end.
- B The utility did not post the adjustment to CIAC for the sale of Altamonte Springs service territory in the last order.
- C The \$17,833 adjustment is the cumlative effect of \$3,567 in CIAC amortization accruals for five years. (2001-2005)
- D The \$3,567 is the test year 2005 CIAC amortization expense.