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RE: Docket No. 060261-WS; Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke's Application for Rate Increase in Lake County, Florida Our File No.: 30057.121

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the Cross-Petition of Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very)truly vours ALERIE L. LORD

For the Firm

VLL/tlc Enclosures

 Jennifer Brubaker, Esquire, Division of Legal Services (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) Stephen Reilly, Esquire, Office of Public Counsel (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) Steven M. Lubertozzi, Chief Regulatory Officer (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) Kirsten E. Weeks, CPA (w/o enclosures - via U.S. Mail) John Hoy, Regional Vice President for Operations (w/o enclosures - via U.S. Mail) Patrick C. Flynn, Regional Director (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Lake County, Florida

DOCKET NO. 060261-WS

CROSS-PETITION OF UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE

UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE (the Utility), by and through its undersigned attorneys

and pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.029(3), Florida Administrative

Code, files this Cross-Petition, objecting to Order No. PSC-07-0088-PA-WS (Order) of the Florida

Public Service Commission (Commission) issued January 31, 2007, and states:

Preliminary Matters

1. The name and address of the agency affected and the agency's docket number is:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 Docket No. 060261-WS

2. The name of the Utility and its mailing address is:

Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke 2335 Sanders Road Northbrook, IL 60062

3. The address of the Florida office is:

C/o Utilities, Inc. of Florida 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714-4099

4. The names and address of the persons authorized to receive notices and

communications in respect to this application are:

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On February 21, 2007, the Citizens of the State of Florida, by and through the Office of Public Counsel (*OPC*), filed a Petition on Proposed Agency Action objecting to the Order (*Petition*).
 The Utility received a copy of the Petition on February 21, 2007.

7. The interests of the Utility is substantially affected by the Order. The specific facts that the Utility contends warrant reversal or modification of the Order are as follows:

(a) Pro forma plant is understated in that it failed to include amounts for:

(1) Demolition and removal of the existing aerator/storage tank and sand filter.

(2) The costs of increasing office space in the water treatment plant building.

(b) Rate case expense is understated.

(c) Salaries are understated.

8. Each of the foregoing matters involve disputed issues of material fact.

9. The Order establishes March 5, 2007 as the date by which cross-petitions must be filed.

10. Chapter 367.081, Florida Statutes, is the specific statute that the Utility contends requires reversal or modification of the Order.

11. This Cross-Petition is filed for the purpose of seeking the Commission's action with respect to:

(a) Determining that the proper rate base includes amounts for demolition and removal of the existing aerator/storage tank and sand filter, and the costs of increasing office space in the water treatment plant building; and

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(b) Determining that the proper rate case expense amount includes amounts requested
by the Utility and set out in its rate case expense schedule submitted to Staff on November
14, 2006, plus the rate case expense associated with the formal administrative hearing.

(c) Determining that the proper salary expense includes the amounts that the Utility has requested in the Minimum Filing Requirements.

WHEREFORE, the Utility hereby protests and objects to Order No. PSC-07-0088-PAA-WS as to the specific issues raised in this Cross-Petition, and petitions the Commission to conduct a formal evidentiary hearing, under the provisions of Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and further petitions that such hearing be scheduled at a convenient time within or as close as practical to the Utility's certificated service area.

Respectfully submitted this λ day of March, 2007, by:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Cross-Petition of Utilit8ies,

Inc. of Pennbrooke has been served upon the following parties by U.S. Mail this 2nd day of March,

2007.

Stephen C. Reilly, Deputy Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel c/o The Florida Legislature 111 W. Madison Street, Room 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

Jennifer Brubaker, Esquire Office of General Counsel Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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