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Public Service Commission

January 8, 2010

Mr. Christian W. Marcelli
Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.
2548 Blairstone Pines Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. in Highlands County, Docket No. 090531-WU.

Dear Mr. Marcelli:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. We find that the Utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000 for water and \$1,000 for wastewater. The fees are based on the capacity of the Utility's systems as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee must be received by February 4, 2010, which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the Utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the Utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Lydia Roberts at (850) 413-6877.

Sincerely,



Timothy Devlin
Director

TD/lr

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Roberts, Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher, Hudson, Rieger, Simpson)
Office of General Counsel (Young)
Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No.090531-WS)