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## Hublic Service Commission

July 18, 2010

Mr. S. Norman Duncan, President Pinecrest Ranches, Inc. 6115 Highway 60 East Bartow, FL 33830-8923

**CERTIFIED MAIL** 

Re: Docket No. 090414-WU, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Pinecrest Ranches, Inc., and Delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees for the Years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Pursuant to the staff-assisted rate case statute, Section 367.0814, Florida Statutes (F.S.), unless waived or extended, the Commission must issue its final order within 15 months from the date of filing of the staff-assisted rate case. Because of the delay in filing your 2009 Annual Report and payment of the 2009 regulatory assessment fees (RAFs), the Utility waived the requirement for the filing of a final order through April 29, 2011. This waiver was predicated on the Utility filing an annual report and paying the RAFs on June 18, 2010. However, due to an illness, the annual report and RAFs were further delayed.

This staff-assisted rate case is being processed using the proposed agency action (PAA) procedures. Pursuant to the PAA procedures, a PAA Order would have to have been issued by September, 2010, to allow time for conduction of a hearing (if there is a valid and timely protest to the PAA Order). Because of your further delays due to illness in filing the above-noted Annual Report and RAFs, the processing of your case has again been delayed. Therefore, in order for the Commission to comply with Section 367.0814, F.S., staff requests that you extend the time for the Commission to issue a final order from April 29, 2011, through May 31, 2011. With this extension, staff plans to schedule and file a PAA recommendation for final and temporary rates on September 16, 2010.

Again, without this extension, staff will be forced to file its recommendation in August 2010 that this staff-assisted rate case be closed. I have attached a letter for your signature to be returned to the Commission if you agree to the extension requested by the staff. The letter granting an extension of time for the Commission to issue a final order should be returned by no later than August, 2, 2010.

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If you have any questions regarding the matters discussed herein, you may contact me at (850) 413-6234, or e-mail me at <u>rjaeger@psc.state.fl.us</u>.

Sincerely.

Ralph R. Jaeger Senior Attorney

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Attachment

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (A. Maurey, Fletcher, L. Roberts, Hudson, Kaproth)

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Office of Commission Clerk (without attachment)