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Re: Docket No. 100128-WU - Application for Increase in Water Rates in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Horton:

In reviewing Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (Lighthouse or Utility) approval tariff, staff discovered that the Utility does not have an authorized non-sufficient funds (NSF) check charge or "returned check fees," and late charges. However, on MFR Schedule E-5, Lighthouse reflected \$275 related to "returned check fees," and \$50 related to late charges. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.135, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), a utility may not modify or revise its schedules of rates and charges until the utility files and receives approval from the Commission for any such modification or revision. Accordingly, the Utility appears to be in violation of Rule 25-30.135, F.A.C.

If the Utility does not cease collecting these fees from customers and adequately explain its collection of these apparently unauthorized fees, staff may recommend to the Commission that the Utility be required to show cause in writing why it should not be fined for this violation pursuant to Section 367.161, Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keino Young".

Keino Young
Attorney

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Maurey, Fletcher, Linn, Rieger)
Office of Commission Clerk
Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

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