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Docket No. 130025-WU – Application for increase in water rates in Highlands County Re:

by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Our File No.: 46068.01

Dear Ms. Cole:

As a result on conversations between the Staff and Utility representatives the following is Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. ("PLU" or "Utility") supplemental response to questions 24, 25 and 26 of Staff's Second Data Request dated August 2, 2013, filed in the above-referenced docket.

- Based upon the maps provided by the Utility showing service connections, it appears that the Utility may be serving outside the utility's certificated territory. For example, the Utility may be providing service to customers in Township 37 South, Range 29 East, Sections 24 and 13, including the following lines:
 - Placid View Drive a.
 - Washington Blvd NE b.
 - Chicago Road NE c.
 - Briar Glen Road d.
 - Augusta Road NE e.
 - Lincoln Road NE f.

Please confirm if the Utility is serving outside the certificated area for any service connections on the above lines or any other lines. Also include a list of the number of customers being served on each line that are outside of the certificated area.

RESPONSE: Since the Utility was originally certificated by the PSC in the early 1980's it has been serving lots along the referenced roads. There appear to be 29 residential and two general service customers affected.

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25. If the Utility is serving customers outside of its certificated area for those lines listed above or for any other line, please describe when and under what circumstances you began serving these customers. Also, please explain why the utility did not amend its certificates in accordance with Section 367.045, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to include the additional territory that is now being served.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: This small area was apparently inadvertently omitted from the original territory description. Since that time the Utility has been involved in numerous rate and territory amendment proceedings and this error has apparently escaped the notice of the Utility and PSC Staff until now. Since this was part of the Placid Lakes development when it was originally certificated the Utility assumed that it was included in the service area approved at that time.

26. If the Utility is serving customers outside its certified territory, how long will it be before the Utility files amendment applications in accordance with Section 367.045, F.S., to add the territory being served?

<u>RESPONSE</u>: The Utility will begin determining the actual properties affected upon plotting the section lines. The Application will be filed in due course.

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

Very truly yours,

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