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# SUNNY HILLS UTILITY COMPANY

February 18, 2014

Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 130172-WS Request to change "Customer Deposit" Tariff sheet from what was filed in the Transfer to the attached.

Ms. Cole:

This filing is to formally ask the FPSC to accept the attached Tariff Sheet 14.0 "Customer Deposits" as the replacement for what was filed originally in the Transfer Application. Any questions, please contact Carl Smith @ [CSmith@uswatercorp.net](mailto:CSmith@uswatercorp.net) for any further information.

Respectfully,

*s/Gary Deremer* 

Gary Deremer, President  
Sunny Hills Utility Company  
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NAME OF COMPANY: Sunny Hills Utility Company

WATER TARIFF

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT – Before rendering water service, the Company may require an Applicant for service to satisfactorily establish credit, but such establishment of credit shall not relieve the Customer from complying with the Company's rules for prompt payment. Credit will be deemed so established if the Customer complies with the requirements of Rule 25-30.311, Florida Administrative Code. If:

- (A) The applicant for service furnishes a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for the service requested or,
- (B) The applicant pays a cash deposit or,
- (C) The applicant for service furnishes an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or a surety bond.

AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT - The amount of initial deposit shall be the following according to meter size:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>General Service</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$50.00	_____

ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT - Under Rule 25-30.311(7), Florida Administrative Code, the Company may require a new deposit, where previously waived or returned, or an additional deposit, in order to secure payment of current bills. The Company shall provide the Customer with reasonable written notice of such deposit of not less than 30 days, such request or notice being separate and apart from any bill for service. The total amount of the required deposit shall not exceed an amount equal to the average actual charge for water service for two monthly billing periods for the 12-month period immediately prior to the date of notice. In the event the Customer has had service less than 12 months, the Company shall base its new or additional deposit upon the average actual monthly billing available.

INTEREST ON DEPOSIT - The Company shall pay interest at a rate of 2% per annum on Customer deposits pursuant to Rule 25-30.311(4), Florida Administrative Code. The Company shall pay interest at a rate of 3% per annum on deposits of non-residential customers qualifying under Rule No. 37.0 below when the Company elects not to refund such a deposit after 23 months. The deposit interest shall be simple interest in all cases, and payment of interest shall be made once each year as a credit on regular bills or, when service is discontinued, as a credit on final bills. No Customer depositor will receive interest on his or her deposit until and unless a Customer relationship and the deposit have been in existence for a continuous period of six (6) months. At such time, the Customer depositor shall be entitled to receive interest from the day of the commencement of the Customer relationship and the placement of the deposit.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT - Pursuant to Rule 25-30.311(5), Florida Administrative Code, after a Customer has established a satisfactory payment record and has had continuous service for a period of 23 months, the Company shall refund the residential Customers' deposits and shall, at its option, either refund or pay the higher rate of interest specified above in Rule No. 36.0 for non-

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residential deposits, providing the Customer has not, in the preceding 12 months:

- (a) made more than one late payment of a bill (after the expiration of 20 days from the date of mailing or delivery by the Company),
- (b) paid with a check refused by a bank,
- (c) been disconnected for non-payment,
- (d) at any time, tampered with the meter, or
- (e) at any time, used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the Company from refunding at any time a Customer's deposit with any accrued interest.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.311(6), Florida Administrative Code, upon termination of service, any remaining deposit and accrued interest may be credited against the final account, and the balance, if any, shall be returned to the Customer no later than fifteen (15) days after service is discontinued.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company may hold the deposit of a non-residential customer after a continuous service of 23 months and shall pay interest on the non-residential customer's deposit at the rate of 3% per annum upon the retainment of such deposit.

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