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Mr. Martin Friedman
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Re: Docket No. 140086-SU - Application for increase in wastewater rates in Pinellas County by Mid-County Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

On April 18, 2014, the Florida Public Service Commission received your letter dated the same, regarding a proposed rate case by Mid-County Services, Inc. (Company). In that letter, the Company requested to use a historic test year ended December 31, 2013, for establishing final rates.

You state the Utility will file its application using the Proposed Agency Action provision set forth in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes (F.S.). Pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Company's test year request as outlined above is hereby approved for purposes of filing its Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs). Docket No. 140086-SU has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will be deemed filed on the date the Office of Commission Clerk receives the complete petition, the MFRs, and the filing fee. To process this case expeditiously, we request that you file the above no later than August 1, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 367.083, F.S., the official filing date will be the date that complete corrections to deficiencies, if any, are filed. Please note that many schedules included in the MFRs are designed with a column titled "Balance Per Books." This column must reflect the balances on the general ledger and be reconciled with the balances reported in the Utility's Annual Report on file with the Commission. This requirement is applicable to all primary account balances as required by the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(2), F.A.C., all data the Commission requests and requires to be submitted in determining a utility's rates "shall be consistent with and reconcilable with the utility's annual report to the Commission."

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In addition, the Company should satisfactorily document that it has recorded all adjustments to the general ledger and accounts that have been ordered by the Commission in any prior proceeding relating to this system. If adjustments were ordered for prior periods that impact subsequent years, the related adjustments shall also be made to reflect the impact for the appropriate period up to and including the approved test year. Further, the Company should be prepared to justify its requested test year operation and maintenance expenses, particularly those which have increased above the level of customer growth and inflation from the Company's prior rate case test year.

The Company is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, F.S., and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, the Commission may disregard any information not filed with the original application. Approval of the test year for filing purposes does not mean that an issue regarding the appropriateness of the test period could not be raised at any time during the proceeding. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Springer at (850) 413-7082 or Michael.Springer@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Art Graham
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