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Re: Docket No. 20240068-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Seminole Counties, by Sunshine Water Services Company

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Sunshine Water Services Company ("Utility") enclosed is the original of its Motion for Protective Order and request for Confidential Classification for filing in the Docket, with redacted excel file on a USB drive. Also enclosed is a copy of the Motion with a highlighted excel file on a USB drive in a confidential envelope. The staff already has access to the confidential information.

Should you or Staff have any questions regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Martin Friedman

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for increase in water and
wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands,
Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas,
Polk, and Seminole Counties by Sunshine Water
Services Company

DOCKET NO. 20240068-WS

**SUNSHINE WATER SERVICES COMPANY'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
AND REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Sunshine Water Services Company ("Utility") by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rules 25-22.006(4) & (6), Florida Administrative Code, files this Motion for Protective Order and Request for Confidential Classification with regard to documents responsive to Staff's Interrogatory Nos. 3b and 4b.

1. The response to Staff Interrogatory Nos. 3b and 4b requires the disclosure of certain salary information. Salary information has consistently been held as confidential. The Utility treats employee compensation policy and actual compensation information as strictly confidential. This information should be classified as proprietary confidential business information because its disclosure would impair the Utility's competitive interests, provide other utility companies information to lure employees away (thereby driving up salaries and rates), and create circumstances under which infighting, and employee morale could be negatively affected. See, *Florida Power & Light Company et al. v. Public Service Commission*, 31 So. 3d 860 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010). Further, requiring the disclosure of each employee's compensation information violates each employee's right to privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution. This Commission has consistently recognized the confidentiality of salary information on numerous occasions. See, for example, Order Nos. PSC-2014-0125-CFO-WS, PSC-2014-0060-CFO-WS, PSC-2017-0154-CFO-WS, and PSC-2021-0308-CFO-WS. Also, the corporate policy regarding employee compensation was developed by the Utility's

parent and is proprietary to that company. Further, such information should be considered confidential for the same reasons as actual compensation amounts.

2. The Utility has previously filed a Request for Confidential Classification with regard to the Cost Allocation Manual, and the Cost Allocation excel file being provided in response to these Interrogatories implement that Manual and are equally entitled to confidentiality.

3. The Confidential Information is proprietary confidential business information. Under Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, this Commission has the authority to classify certain material as proprietary confidential business information thereby exempting the material from public disclosure under Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.

4. Rule 25-22.006(6)(a), Florida Administrative Code, permits a utility to request a Protective Order protecting proprietary confidential information from discovery.

5. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code, the Confidential Information is exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, pending the Commissions' ruling on this Motion.

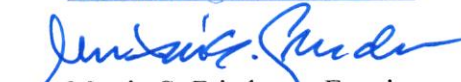
6. Highlighted and redacted copies of the Confidential Documents are provided to the Clerk on separate USB drives. The Justification Schedule is attached.

7. Upon a finding by the Commission that the information is proprietary and confidential business information, the information should not be declassified for at least 18 months and should be returned to the undersigned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, Sunshine Water Services Company requests the Commission enter a Protective Order against public disclosure of the Confidential Information provided by the Utility in response to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents, No. 15.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of September, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by E-mail to the following parties this 5th day of September, 2024:

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JUSTIFICATION SCHEDULE

Document Name	Description	Line/Col.	Legal Citation
ROG 3 and 4 CAM	Employee Salary Information	Tabs CII and WSC Columns B and C	<i>Florida Power & Light Company et al. v. Public Service Commission</i> , 31 So. 3d 860 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)
Cost Allocation Model	Calculation of Allocations	All	367.156(3), F.S.