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May 24, 1996

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Buccaneer Water Service Our File No. 30097.01

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

We are in receipt of the Staff Audit Report sent to the utility on May 14, 1996. While we have no substantial objection to the adjustments proposed by the Staff, we do believe that one utility expense which was not booked to the utility should be taken into consideration in determining the cost applicable to the provision of water service in the Buccaneer utility system.

Billing Costs - The utility utilizes the services of MRI Software for stuffing envelopes, postage and preparing the utility bills themselves. As discussed in my letter of May 20, 1996 to you on the related party, the Colonies water system, these services are utilized for both Buccaneer and Colonies and both are shown on the invoices from MRI Software. As indicated on the attached invoice for August of 1995, these specifically high-lighted charges relate solely to the provision of utility services. No recognition of these costs are provided for in the Staff Audit. The utility and its parents are now making arrangements to insure that these are properly booked in the future as being solely related to the Buccaneer system. While the amount of the bills vary slightly from month-to-month, the \$442.16 charge for the Buccaneer system for the month of August, 1995 is representative of an average for such monthly charges from the outside contractor, MRI Software. Therefore, a total charge in the amount of \$5,305.92 per year should be charged to the Buccaneer system as related to its cost of billing If the Staff requires any further for its water services. OPC ____documentation in this regard, we will be happy to provide that.

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Other than this addition to the findings in the Audit Report, the utility is generally in agreement with the auditor's conclusions.

Should any members of the Staff require any further information with regard to the proposed adjustment discussed above, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROSE SUNDSTROM SENTLEY

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For The Firm

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