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Public Service Commission

June 6, 1996

Mr. Howard Short
Heartland Utilities, Inc.
P.O. Box 1991
Sebring, FL 33871

Re: Docket No. 960517-WU, Application of Heartland Utilities, Inc. in Highlands County for a staff assisted rate case.

Dear Mr. Short:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Heartland Utilities, Inc.. We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

Since your request for staff assistance has been accepted, the utility should pay a \$ 1,000 filing fee for the water system as provided by Chapter 367.141 of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee is due by June 22, 1996, which is the official filing date for this rate case. Delay in payment of the filing fee may result in a delay in the processing of your case.

Members of Commission Staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records.

If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call John Mann (904-413-6976) at this office.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Hill, Director
Division of Water and Wastewater

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