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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. John M. Starling
Division of Water and Wastewater
Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc.
Docket No. 960545-WS; Investigation of Rates of Aloha
Utilities, Inc. in Pasco County
Our File No. 26038.17

Dear John:

I have been asked to put into writing, information that Mr. Watford and Mr. Porter previously relayed to you in response to one portion of your July 29th letter. Your letter indicates a desire to have some information concerning the construction of one separate water treatment facility to service the Wyndtree area. As Mr. Watford indicated to you, it would be impossible for the Utility to calculate separate rates and charges for any such treatment facility within the short period outlined in your letter. I believe the inability to meet this deadline was previously conveyed to you, but I wanted to make sure that it was in writing.

In addition, in his letter of today's date speaking to the remainder of your July 29th letter, I understand that Mr. Porter specifically outlines concerns which have also previously been noted which make the construction of one such treatment plant inherently ineffective from an engineering standpoint to resolve any water quality concerns.

Finally, it is my understanding that the Commission Staff will present its recommendation on the issues raised in this docket in approximately one week. Since the Utility is unable to provide you with the detailed information on this issue on short notice; because the Commission will make at least a proposed final decision

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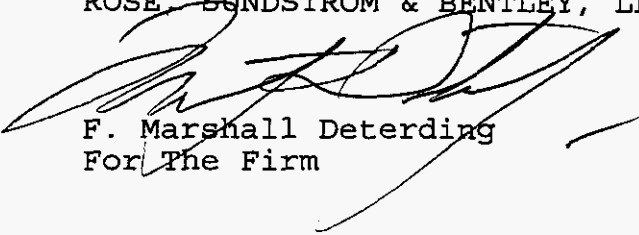
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in this case within the coming weeks; and because of the engineering problems of even conducting any detailed analysis on this issue, we will forego any further work in that regard until such time as the Commission's further directive in this case are made apparent through the PAA or if that is protested through final order.

Should you have any further questions in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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