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Florida Cities Water Company
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Re: Docket No. ~~970659~~-WU - Request for approval of tariffs concerning installation of service meter and cross-connection control device for private fire protection service customers.

Dear Mr. Acosta:

After review of Florida Cities Water Company (FCWC)'s tariff filing, a need for additional information vital to proceeding with this case was apparent. Staff requests the company supply the following information:

1. What has FCWC's policy been in the past with regards to the installation of line taps, service meters and cross-connection control devices for private fire protection service customers for Lee County South Ft. Myers customers? What has the policy been for other FCWC systems? Please explain the policy for each system separately.
2. Does FCWC believe that it is appropriate for the developer to pay for the line tap for the installation of service meters and cross-connection control devices for private fire protection? If so, please explain why.
3. How many times in the past has FCWC had a request for this type of service which resulted in the service being provided?
4. Does FCWC always consider the installation and cost for private fire protection be the responsibility of the building contractor?
5. Has FCWC performed any installations for private fire protection? If so, what was the charge and how was the charge calculated?

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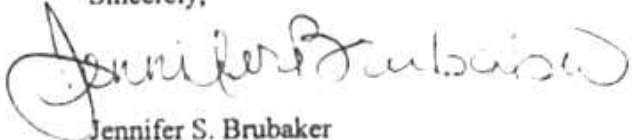
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6. If FCWC has not performed any installations, what would FCWC charge for the installation and how would the charge be calculated?
7. Are all private fire protection customers metered? If not, please explain why. Please provide a list of all private fire protection customers by line size/meter size showing those that are and are not metered.
8. In reference to Tariff Sheet No. 38.0, why does FCWC not have a meter installation charge for its water customers?

In order to allow sufficient time for Staff to analyze the data requested, please provide the requested responses by October 8, 1997. We request that the responses be provided on an earlier, piecemeal basis, to the extent possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 413-6228 or Shannon J. Austin at (850) 413-7021.

Sincerely,


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