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STAFF DATA REQUEST

James L. Ade, Esquire
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202

RE: Docket No. 980214-WS - Application for rate increase in Duval, St. Johns and Nassau Counties by United Water Florida, Inc.

Dear Mr. Ade:

By this letter, Commission staff requests that United Water Florida, Inc. (UWF or utility) please provide responses to the following data requests:

1. Please provide a copy of the 1996 Annual Report, including audited financial statements, associated notes and schedules, for United Water Resources, Inc.
2. If separate audited financial statements were issued for United Waterworks, Inc. for 1997, please provide a copy of the statements, along with associated notes and schedules.
3. Please provide a detailed description of measures implemented to reduce and contain operating and maintenance costs since MFRs for the previous rate case (Docket No. 960451-WS) were filed. This should include measures specifically implemented by UWF and measures implemented by United Waterworks, Inc. and United Water Resources, Inc. which would result in a reduction of costs allocated to UWF. Please include an estimate of the dollar or percentage savings expected from these measures.
4. It has come to staff's attention that an agency of St. Johns County plans to mandate that certain residents of the Ponte Vedra area connect to UWF's wastewater system. Please provide us with projections of the number and type of additional customers expected to result from this action, the time frame in which the customers will be added, and your assessment of the probability that the event will occur as projected.

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5. Project #C96R025 refers to initial work to ready the site for the regional plant. Please indicate when this plant is scheduled to come on line.
6. Docket No. 980776-WS refers to an extension of the service area in Nassau County. Please provide updated projections of new customers associated with this extension.
7. Please provide the revenue projections associated with those new customers.
8. Please indicate the amount of funding expected to be received from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Welcome Station in Nassau County (estimate if not known).
9. Please state where in the MFR the funding from FDOT is recognized.
10. Please indicate the date when the Welcome Station and Rest Area in Nassau County are scheduled to come on line.
11. Please provide the projected revenues from the Welcome Station and Rest Area in Nassau County.
12. Please state whether those revenues have been included in the MFR projections.
13. Please submit a firm timeline regarding the installation of fire hydrants in the South Ponte Vedra Beach area. Please include the length of pipe required to be replaced, the number of hydrants to be installed, the distance between hydrants, total estimated cost and the scheduled completion date.

Please file the original and five copies of the requested information by Monday, October 5, 1998 with Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6216 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobbie L. Reyes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bobbie L. Reyes
Senior Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis, Crouch, Merchant)

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