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JANUARY 19, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 990005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4) (a), F.S.

Issue 1: What categories of operating costs should be subject to the index?

Recommendation: All operation and maintenance expenses should be indexed with the exception of:

- a) Pass-through items pursuant to Section 367.081(4) (b);
- b) Any amortization of rate case expense; and
- c) Disallowances or adjustments made in an applicant's most recent rate proceeding.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

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Issue 2: Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments?

Recommendation: The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 1999 price index by using a fiscal year, four quarter comparison of the GDP Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 1998.

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Issue 3: What should be the 1999 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities?

Recommendation: The 1999 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 1.21%.

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Issue 4: How should the utilities calculate and provide annualized revenues for indexing purposes?

Recommendation: The Commission should continue utilizing the present format presented as Appendix "B" of staff's January 7, 1999 memorandum.

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Issue 5: How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

Recommendation: The Division of Records and Reporting should be directed to mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which will contain the information presented in Appendix "C" of staff's memorandum. A cover letter from the Director of the Water and Wastewater Division should accompany the order.

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Issue 6: How many copies of the index and/or pass-through application should be filed?

Recommendation: The original and five (5) copies of the index and/or pass-through application should be filed directly with the Division of Water and Wastewater.

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Issue 7: Should the Commission require that any protest to the Notice of Proposed Agency Action in this docket be filed with the Commission within 14 days of the issuance of that notice?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should require that any protest to the Notice of Proposed Agency Action (PAA order) in this docket be filed with the Commission within 14 days of the issuance of the PAA order. Furthermore, the PAA order should provide notice that any party filing the protest should be required to file their prefiled direct testimony along with their protest.

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Issue 8: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. This docket should be closed if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the **14-day** protest period after issuance of the Commission order.

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