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Public Service Commission

March 16, 1999

Rick Melson, Esquire
Hopping Green Sams & Smith, P.A.
123 South Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Docket No. 971065-SU - Application for Rate Increase in Pinellas County
by Mid-County Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Melson:

On December 22, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-97-1608-PCO-SU, Order Suspending Proposed Rates And Approving Interim Rates Subject To Refund. Pursuant to that Order, Mid-County Services, Inc. (Mid-County or utility) was required to provide a corporate undertaking guaranteed by Utilities, Inc. as guarantee of any potential refund of wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions.

The Order also provided that during the time the interim rates are in effect, the utility shall file a report by the twentieth day of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund, pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code.

It has come to staff's attention that the utility has not filed any of the monthly reports as required by Order No. PSC-97-1608-PCO-SU. It is imperative that the required documentation be filed with the Commission immediately. We therefore request that the utility file with the Commission all delinquent reports, dating from December 22, 1997 to the present, on or before April 16, 1999.

By failing to file the reports, it appears that the utility is in violation of Order No. PSC-97-1608-PCO-SU, and may be subject to the initiation of a show cause proceeding. If show cause proceedings are initiated, and the utility is found to be in violation of the Commission's Order, then pursuant to Section 367.161, Florida Statutes, the Commission is authorized to impose fines of up to \$5,000 for each day the violation continues. Therefore, in addition to the delinquent reports, please provide by April 16, 1999 any additional information which may mitigate the utility's apparent violation of Order No. PSC-97-1608-PCO-SU.

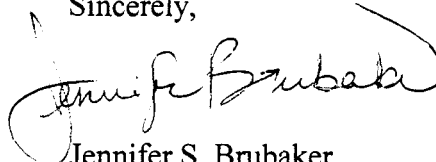
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6199, if you have any questions regarding the matters discussed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer S. Brubaker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer S. Brubaker
Senior Attorney

JSB:lw

cc: Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis, Merchant, Crouch, B. Davis, Fuchs)