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Public Service Commission

March 25, 1999

STAFF DATA REQUEST

Matthew Feil, Esquire
1000 Color Place
Apopka, Florida 32703-7797

Re: Florida Water Services Corporation, Volusia County

Dear Mr. Feil:

It has come to staff's attention that a laboratory located in Volusia County, for which projected plant cost and operating expenses were included in Florida Water Service Corporation (FWSC)'s most recent rate case, Docket No. 950495-WS, has been sold by FWSC to a third party. With respect to this laboratory, staff requests the company supply the following information:

1. Please state when the laboratory was sold.
2. Please identify the person or entity who purchased the laboratory.
3. Please state the selling price of the laboratory, and provide a copy of the contract for sale.
4. Please provide copies of all journal entries used to record the sale on FWSC's books.
5. Please state whether there was a gain or loss on the sale of the laboratory, and provide detailed calculations of the gain or loss on sale for both book and tax purposes.
6. Please state the rationale or circumstances which led to FWSC's decision to sell the laboratory.
7. Please provide a comparison of FWSC's costs for laboratory work which were projected in Docket 950495-WS versus the actual costs of purchasing laboratory services subsequent to the laboratory's sale.

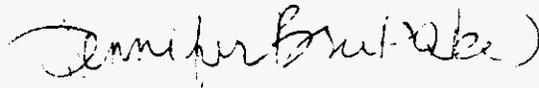
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In order to allow sufficient time for Staff to analyze the data requested, please provide the requested responses by April 9, 1999. We request that the responses be provided on an earlier, piecemeal basis, to the extent possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 413-6228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer S. Brubaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being the most prominent.

Jennifer S. Brubaker
Senior Attorney

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