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# Public Service Commission

June 16, 1999

Jack C. Hughson, Jr.  
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RE: Docket No. 981198-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by Damon Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Hughson:

We received your letter on June 11, 1999, protesting the proposed rates for Damon Utilities, Inc., contained in the Commission staff's report dated February 23, 1999. The Commission rendered its decision on this matter at the June 1, 1999, agenda conference. As the staff report dated February 23, 1999, was only preliminary in nature, the ultimate recommendation that the Commission staff presented to the Commission differed in some respects to the staff report, as did the Commission's decision on the matter.

An order memorializing the Commission's decision in this matter will be issued around June 21 or 22, 1999. You are on our mailing list; therefore, you will receive a copy of the order once it is issued. Please review the order and note the differences from the staff report dated February 23, 1999. After you have reviewed the order, if you still wish to pursue your objection, a written protest and request for hearing must be filed within the time period and in the manner set out in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" contained in the order. The letter we received from you on June 11, 1999, will be placed in the docket file; however, it is not a sufficient protest as it was not filed within the specified protest period and is not a protest of a proposed Commission decision.

If you choose to pursue your protest, a hearing will be scheduled in which you must provide testimony to support your protest to the increase in rates and charges granted to the utility. You may wish to contact the Office of Public Counsel, a separate agency which represents the interests of customers in rate cases, to discuss this matter. The Office of Public Counsel's phone number is 800-342-0222 or (850) 488-9330.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (840) 413-6202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha M. Cibula". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Samantha M. Cibula  
Staff Attorney

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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Rendell, Rehwinkel, Butts, T. Davis, Golden)  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Office of Public Counsel  
Damon Utilities, Inc.