

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.

3 DOCKET NO. 960545-WS

4 INVESTIGATION OF UTILITY RATES OF

5 ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. IN PASCO COUNTY

6 REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF ROBERT C. NIXON

7 Q. Please state your name and employment address.

8 A. Robert C. Nixon, Cronin, Jackson, Nixon & Wilson, 2560 Gulf-
9 to-Bay Boulevard, Suite 200, Clearwater, Florida 34625-4419.

10 Q. Have you represented Aloha Utilities throughout this water
11 quality investigation proceeding on accounting matters.

12 A. Yes, I have. I have been the accountant primarily responsible
13 for Aloha's response to this investigation as it involves
14 accounting issues.

15 Q. Have you prepared an analysis of the costs incurred by the
16 utility for accounting fees relative to this issue and this
17 case?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What are the total accounting costs to date?

20 A. The total accounting costs incurred to date including fees and
21 costs is \$9,149 through the end of September. We estimate
22 approximately \$4,970 additional dollars will be incurred to
23 completion of this case for a total of \$14,119 in accounting
24 fees expected to be incurred before this case is finalized.
25 I have summarized the actual and estimated accounting expenses
to complete as Exhibit "RCN-1" attached to this testimony.

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1 Q. Do you have any further testimony to provide in this
2 regard?

3 A. No. I do not.
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Aloha Utilities, Inc.
 Actual and Estimated Accounting Expense
 Docket No. 960545-WS

<u>Cronin, Jackson, Nixon & Wilson</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Out-of Pocket</u>	<u>Total</u>
May, 1997	06/19/97	\$ 2,344		\$ 2,344
June, 1997	07/30/97	3,150	\$ 557	3,707
May, 1998	06/12/98	2,100		2,100
June, 1999	07/16/99	358		358
August, 1999	08/25/99	640		640
Total actual expense		<u>8,592</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>9,149</u>
Estimate to complete:				
Finalize & review rebuttal testimony and exhibits		480		480
R. Nixon - 3 hrs. @ \$160				
Attend hearing				
R. Nixon - 2 days @ 9 hrs./day @ \$160/hr.		2,880		2,880
Review transcript, Final Order, and conference with attorney & client				
R. Nixon - 8 hrs. @ \$160/hr.		1,280		1,280
Clerical - 2 hrs. @ \$25		50		50
Out-of-pocket:				
Hotel - 2 nights @ \$60			120	120
Meals - 2 days @ \$30			60	60
Phone, copies, Federal Express			50	50
Mileage - 4 trips @ 40 miles @ \$.31/mile			50	50
Total estimate to complete		<u>4,690</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>4,970</u>
Total actual & estimated accounting expense		<u>\$ 13,282</u>	<u>\$ 837</u>	<u>\$ 14,119</u>



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June 19, 1997

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For professional services rendered during
May, 1997, as follows:

1. Conference in Tallahassee with Steve Mindlin, Esq. regarding DOAH rule challenge	\$ 1,200.00
2. Preparation of schedules for use by Mr. Deterding related to settlement of Show Cause Order - Purchased Water and Sewer Rate Decreases	450.00
3. Preparation of Volume II - Economic Analysis for Seven Springs Water System Improvements	2,343.75
4. Preparation and review of the 1996 PSC Annual Report and preparation of adjusting journal entries	7,612.50
5. Review Staff Recommendation on motion for reconsideration/reuse proceeding and proof of revised rates	937.50
6. Telephone, postage, Federal Express charges, copies, and airfare	<u>449.19</u>
Total	<u>\$12,992.94</u>

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July 30, 1997

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For professional services rendered during
June, 1997, as follows:

1. Work related to DOAH rule challenge, including review of documents, conferences with attorneys and client, and review of pleadings	\$ 6,606.25
2. Answer interrogatories and document requests from PSC related to DOAH rule challenge	1,350.00
3. Preparation of Volume II of Economic Analysis for Seven Springs Water System Improvements	3,150.00
4. Prepare salary analysis and letter for Board of Directors	750.00
5. Work related to the limited proceeding for line relocation costs	318.75
6. Meeting with management and John Pheiffer regarding refund of reuse revenues held in escrow	900.00
7. Preparation and review of the Intangible Tax Return	405.00
8. Work related to the State Sales Tax Audit	946.25
9. Prepare report to DEP on new Seven Springs sewer connections	300.00
10. Telephone, Federal Express charges, copies, and mileage	556.70
Total	<u>\$15,282.95</u>

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June 12, 1998

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For professional services rendered during
May, 1998, as follows:

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| 1. Conference with PSC Staff (Merchant) regarding revision to two Annual Report pages, PSC Audit, and schedule showing calculation of balance sheet working capital | \$ 787.50 |
| 2. Review timing of proposed Seven Springs water system improvements, conferences with Mr. Porter, letter regarding timing of rate cases or limited proceedings, conferences with Mr. Deterding | 2,100.00 |
| 3. Documentation of utility plant in service and accumulated depreciation and CIAC from 1976 through 1997 | 3,637.50 |
| 4. Review bids and revised cost estimates for the Little Road line relocation project and limited proceeding | 225.00 |
| 5. Partial billing for preparation of the 1997 state and federal income tax returns | 937.50 |
| 6. Telephone, postage, and copies | <u>34.11</u> |
| Total | <u>\$7,721.61</u> |

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July 16, 1999

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ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

For professional services rendered during June, 1999, as follows:

1. Conference with management on 06/04/99 and review of financing projections	\$ 960.00
2. Research and answer questions of PSC Staff related to the ongoing rate investigation and audit	1,390.75
3. Research and prepare journal entry to book expenses paid for in 1998 that should be recorded in 1999 on new general ledger	480.00
4. Prepare direct testimony related to the forthcoming water quality hearing	358.00
5. Partial billing for work completed on the new limited proceeding to recover costs related to the water quality docket	1,360.00
6. Postage	<u>4.19</u>
Total	<u>\$4,552.94</u>

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August 25, 1999

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ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

For professional services rendered during July, 1999, as follows:

1. Preparation and review of NationsBank loan information	\$ 160.00
2. Prepare DEP letters regarding new connections	418.75
3. Review of January, 1999, financial statements on new computer system	640.00
4. Prepare direct testimony and exhibits for forthcoming water quality hearing and review of testimony filed	640.00
5. Update book and tax depreciation schedules and prepare information for entries on retirements	1,120.00
6. Postage, mileage, and copies	47.11
Total	<u>\$3,025.86</u>

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