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Mr. Joe A. Garcia, Chairman  
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Re: 1999 General Rate Increase Application  
Seven Springs Wastewater System  
Our File No. 26038.30

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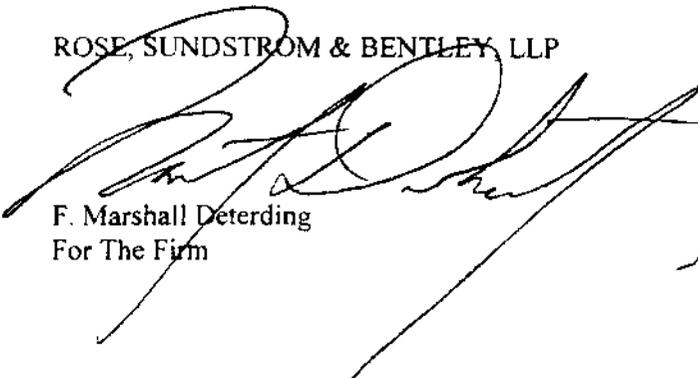
Dear Chairman Garcia:

On October 22, 1999 I filed with you a letter requesting approval of test year ended July 31, 1999 as the base historic test year and July 31, 2001 as the projected test period for a proposed rate increase by Aloha Utilities. I received your letter dated November 22, 1999 approving that test period. Since that time, it has come to our attention that schedules for completion of the facilities that form the primary basis for our requested increase, will not be in place until approximately two months after the beginning of the proposed projected test period. As such, we are hereby requesting that your test year approval letter be modified such that the proposed test year will be the twelve month period ended September 30, 2001 (2 months later than originally proposed). We have already discussed this matter with Tricia Merchant of the technical staff, and she has agreed that this minor change does not present a problem, and that such a change is more appropriate for setting rates on a going forward basis in order to ensure that the new plant is in service during the entire test period.

Please issue your letter modifying your prior test year approval letter. Should you or any members of the staff have any questions in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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