

Public Service Commission

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DATE: JANUARY 21, 2000 TO: CHAIRMAN GARCIA

FROM: DAN HOPPE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER OF ROSANNE GERVASI, BUREAU CHIEF, DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

DOCKET NO. 991643-SU, APPLICATION OF ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. FOR AN RE:

INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES FOR ITS SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM IN

PASCO COUNTY - TEST YEAR APPROVAL

By letter dated November 22, 1999, you approved Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s (Aloha or utility) request to use a projected test year ended July 31, 2001, with an historical base year ended July 31, 1999. By letter dated January 12, 2000, Aloha has requested that its projected test year be modified. Subsequent to your approval of its test year, the utility has learned that the completion of the facilities that form the basis of its requested rate increase will be delayed by two months. As such, Aloha is requesting that the test year be modified to the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2001, with an historical base year ended September 30, 1999. Staff believes 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 because it ensures that the new plant is in-service during the entire test period. Lastly, the MFR filing date will remain as February 29, 2000.

The test year letter filename is S:\PSC\WAW\WP\ALOHATYA.SBF

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