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Public Service Commission

January 3, 2001

Via Facsimile

Mr. Steve Brown Discount Utilities, LLC PO Box 839 Monticello, IN 47960

Re: Docket No. 001300-TI

Dear Mr. Brown:

On December 7, 2000, I talked with you and explained that I could not recommend acceptance of your November 24, 2000 settlement offer without a specific monetary amount. In other similar cases, the Commission has accepted a \$100 settlement in lieu of the \$500 fine normally imposed. It was my understanding from our conversation that you would amend your settlement. However, as of this date, I have not received it.

My recommendation to accept your settlement proposal of November 24 for the above docket has been rescheduled for filing on February 8 and voted on by the Commissioners February 20. In addition to amending your offer to include a specific monetary settlement, the Commission's Legal Division has just advised me that your settlement offer must also include the following element:

A waiver of objection to the administrative cancellation of your certificate in the event your offer is accepted and you fail to comply with the terms which you have offered. All other elements of your previous settlement offer are reaffirmed.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. However, I was told that the waiver of objection must be in all settlement offers where a Proposed Agency Action Order has not previously been issued in a docket.

If I have not received the amended settlement offer by Monday, January 29, 2001, I will consider that you do not wish to pursue a settlement to keep your certificate active and will go forward with recommending a \$500 fine or cancellation of your certificate involuntarily.

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If you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, and by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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