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Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 960545-WS  
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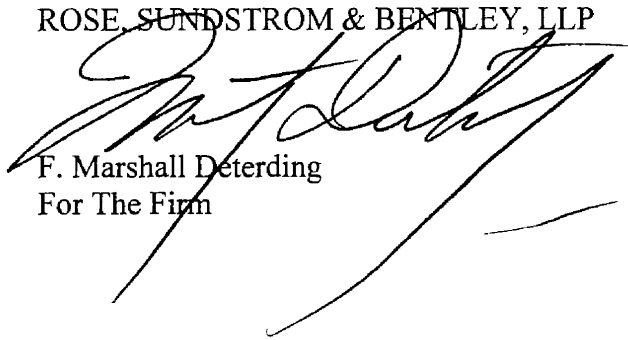
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Attached in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Final Order in the above-referenced docket is the most recent report on the status of the pilot project. Please see the attached letter for more detail concerning this status report.

If you have problems with the way in which we are proceeding or have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2001

Ms Connie Kurish, General Manager  
 Aloha Utilities, Inc.  
 6195 Perrine Ranch Road  
 New Port Richey, FL 34655

Re: Project Number AUI-021-1-S  
 Seven Springs WS Pilot Plant  
 Status Report for March 2001

Dear Connie,

I have prepared this project update letter so that you may use it in the preparation of your monthly report to the FPSC concerning this project.

In my February 2001 report I informed you that "bench top" testing for the MIEX-DOC process was scheduled to begin on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The testing was undertaken on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> as planned and went quite well. We received the laboratory testing results associated with the "bench-top" work late last week and are in the process of evaluating that data. We plan to submit our "bench-top" testing engineering report to you within the next two to three weeks.

In addition to preparing the "bench-top" report, I am in the process of finalizing the on-site pilot trial details and will be submitting the operations plan for that work for your review and approval shortly. The on-site pilot trials are tentatively scheduled to begin mid to late April as planned.

If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely yours,

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