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Re: Docket No. 970409-SU - Initiation of limited proceeding to restructure wastewater rates for Florida Water Service Corporation's Tropical Isles service area in St. Lucie County.

Dear Messrs. Hoffman, Leonhardt, Simpson, Harrell, Shacket, and Vandiver

The above-referenced docket presents a series of revised Case Assignment and Scheduling Records (CASRs) here at the Commission, but not much else. The docket has its genesis in a 1994 Florida Water Services rate case.

There are assorted references to a proposed sale of the Tropical Isle wastewater system from Florida Water to a customer organization which would obviate the need for a restructured rate which was the original focus of this docket. However, the sale seems to be moving very slowly, if at all.

It seems wasteful to undertake a hearing on the appropriate revenue requirement and restructuring of rates if this system is to be sold to a non-jurisdictional entity. On the other hand, to have the docket languishing here at the Commission unattended has its own cost.

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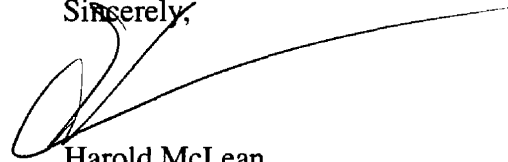
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The purpose of my writing is to offer the resources of my office to get the case moving. If there are any matters genuinely at issue, let's resolve them. As a point of beginning to an early end, I suggest that each of you write my office at your earliest convenience with your view as to how this matter can be resolved. I am willing to advise the Commission that we should proceed with the hearing in order to clear our docket, but it does seem that some collaborative effort might serve to get things moving on the sale.

Please let me hear from you before April 11, 2001, if at all possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (850) 413-6248.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harold McLean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harold McLean
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