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**Public Service Commission**

May 3, 2001

Mr. Daniel Holmes  
 Holmes Utilities, Inc.  
 760 Henscratch Road  
 Lake Placid, FL 33852

**Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for Holmes Utilities, Inc. in Highlands County, Docket No. 010403-WU**

Dear Mr. Holmes:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Holmes Utilities, Inc. We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case of \$500.00. The fee is based on the capacity of the utility systems as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee must be received by June 4, 2001 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Ryan Fitch at (850)413-6928 or Tracey Biggins at (850)413-6844.

Sincerely,

*Timothy Devlin*  
 Timothy Devlin  
 Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Willis, Rendell, Fitch, Biggins)  
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