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**DATE:** January 15, 2002  
**TO:** Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services  
**FROM:** Ryan Fitch (Regulatory Analyst II) *RF*  
**RE:** Docket No. 010869-WS East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.

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Attached is a copy of the utility's request to waive the 15-month statutory time frame for its SARC, and staff's response to the waiver. Please include these letters in the above docket file.

Thanks,

Cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Rendell, Moniz)

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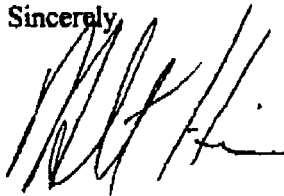
Florida Public Service Commission  
Attn: Ryan Fitch  
Division of Economic Regulation  
RE: Docket # 010869-WS

Dear Mr. Fitch;

I am sending you this letter to request a waiver of the statutory time frame for this rate case. I am requesting a 60 day extension to provide additional information and costs, so the staff may take these costs into consideration for the on going rate case.

Thank-you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,



Herbert Hein, President  
January 14, 2002

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## Public Service Commission

January 15, 2002

Mr. Herbert Hein, President  
East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.  
G4225 Miller Road suite 190  
Flint, Michigan 48507

**Re: Docket No. 010869-WS, Staff Assisted Rate Case for East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Hein:

This letter is to follow up on our phone conversation on January 7, 2002. In our conversation we discussed several items that were not included in staff's preliminary report dated December 7, 2001, but which the utility requested be included in the rate case. The issues discussed were pro forma plant, service availability charges, late payment fees, and a change in contractual management and billing. It was decided that the utility would need more time to gather the information for staff to consider; therefore, the utility decided to waive the 15-month statutory time frame for this proceeding. We have received your letter dated January 14, 2002, requesting that the time frame be waived for 60 days. The following is a list of information staff would need to include in staff's recommendation to the Commission:

Staff must rely on Rule 25-30.580, Florida Administrative Code, which sets guidelines for determining service availability charges. The guidelines are set by determining a minimum and maximum contribution level at build out. Staff would need to have estimated cost for any known future additions to plant and when these additions are anticipated to be put in service in order to set an accurate service availability charge.

Historically, late payment charges have been approved by the Commission on a cost basis. This means that we need a list of cost associated with processing a late payment including postage, printing cost, and time associated with processing the late payment fee. This information will help staff justify a late payment charge before the Commission. Attached is a example of a recommendation for a late payment charge.

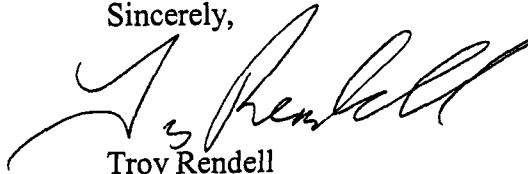
Staff will also need an estimate for the monthly cost of the new management company and billing company as well as a list of the duties they would perform. If you have a signed contract that would be preferred.

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The above information must be provided to staff no later than February 20, 2002, in order to allow staff time to process the information, and include the information in the staff report and customer notice prior to the customer meeting. If you will not be able to provide staff with the above information by this date, you may request an additional waiver of the statutory time frame.

Attached is a copy of a revised CASR reflecting the staff's internal deadlines for completion of this case. We have also included a copy of the statutes and rules that apply to regulated utilities in the state of florida as you requested. Hopefully these rules will give you a better understanding of your rights and responsibilities as a private utility owner. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Ryan Fitch at 850-413-6928.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Rendell", written in a cursive style.

Troy Rendell  
Public Utilities Supervisor

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Moniz, Davis)