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Re: Utilities, Inc. of Florida  
2002 General Rate Increase Application  
Our File No. 30057.40

Dear Chairman Jaber:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Utilities, Inc. of Florida ("Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its systems located in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole Counties, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before April 1, 2002. Utilities, Inc. of Florida does not intend to utilize the PAA process and will be requesting interim rates. They will also be filing five separate sets of MFRs, one for each of the five counties where systems are located.

Utilities, Inc. of Florida's last rate case for its Pinellas and Marion County systems was in Docket No. 930826-WS, which utilized a 1992 calendar year as the test year. That proceeding was concluded with the approval of a stipulation in Order No. PSC-94-1186-FOF-WS issued September 28, 1994. Utilities, Inc. of Florida's last general rate case for its Seminole, Orange and Pasco County systems was in Docket No. 940917-WS and utilized a calendar year of 1993 as the test year. A final order in that case was entered in PSC Order No. PSC-95-0574-FOF-WS on May 9, 1995.

The Company proposes a test year of the year ending June 30, 2001. The Company believes that year is representative of current operations and is a representative period to measure the cost of service and to establish new rates. Attached is a Schedule showing major plant additions the most recent 18 months and

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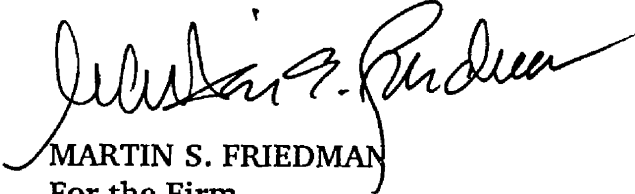
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includes pro forma adjustments, which will be requested in this proceeding. None of the pro forma adjustments identified on the attachment relate to growth. Only the Summertree system in Pasco County had any noticeable growth and it was only about 5%. There will also be a pro forma expense of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year for a Seminole County system in connection with an interconnection with the City of Sanford.

Should you or members of the Staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Pro Forma Plant

System	System	County	W/O #	Project Description	Costs to Date	Additional Cost to Complete	Total Cost of Project	Water	Sewer	Date Compe or Estimated Date of Completion
613	Bartelt Wis Bar	Pasco	116-01-01	Lift Station Rehab	24,758	0	\$ 24,758		\$ 24,758	Dec-01
615	Bartlet Buena Vis	Pasco	115-00-01	New Electrical in well	8,714	0	\$ 8,714	\$ 8,714		Mar-01
615	Bartlet Buena Vis	Pasco	115-01-01	Replace Well	4,645	0	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,645		Apr-01
615	Bartlet Buena Vis	Pasco	115-01-02	Replace 4" Water Main	0	114,510	\$ 114,510	\$ 114,510		Mar-02
625	Summertree	Pasco	116-00-01	Install sanitary boxes	7,250	0	\$ 7,250		\$ 7,250	Feb-01
625	Summertree	Pasco	116-01-01	Remove Lateral Pipes	0	27,510	\$ 27,510		\$ 27,510	Dec-01
626	Summertree	Pasco	115-00-01	Well modification	15,083	0	\$ 15,083	\$ 15,083		Aug-01
629	Orangewood	Pasco	115-00-02	Relocate water main	1,156	15,294	\$ 16,450	\$ 16,450		Dec-01
629	Orangewood	Pasco	115-00-03	Water Main Interconnec	13,435	33,580	\$ 47,015	\$ 47,015		Mar-02
						Total Pasco	<u>\$ 265,934</u>	<u>\$ 206,417</u>	<u>\$ 59,518</u>	
602	Weathersfield	Seminole	115-98-12	Replace Mains	192,082	7,918	\$ 200,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 70,000	Jun-02
602	Weathersfield	Seminole	116-01-01	Construct New Lift Stati	20,790	118,668	\$ 139,458		\$ 139,458	Apr-02
602	Weathersfield	Seminole	117-00-01	Office Addition	251,938	0	\$ 251,938	\$ 163,759	\$ 88,178	Jun-01
604	Oakland Shores	Seminole	115-00-01	Replace Hydro-Tank	23,425	0	\$ 23,425	\$ 23,425		Feb-01
612	Crystal Lake	Seminole	115-99-04	Water main relocation	58,931	0	\$ 58,931	\$ 58,931		Nov-01
614	Lincoln Hts.	Seminole	116-01-01	Lincoln Hts. Interconne	843,255	0	\$ 843,255		\$ 843,255	Jul-01
614	Lincoln Hts.	Seminole	116-98-14	Relocation - Condemnat	92,351	0	\$ 92,351		\$ 92,351	Dec-01
602	Weathersfield	Seminole	115-01-01	Replace Electrical Servi	733	16,277	\$ 17,010	\$ 17,010		Nov-01
						Total Seminole	<u>\$ 1,626,367</u>	<u>\$ 393,126</u>	<u>\$ 1,233,242</u>	