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Re: East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 010869-WS
Staff Assisted Rate Case
Our File No. 37023.01

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Dear Ralph:

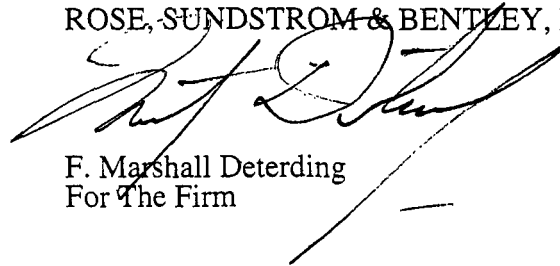
As a follow up to my conversations with you and other members of the Commission staff assigned to the above-referenced docket, I am writing to inform you as legal representative of East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc. of our willingness to extend the statutory deadline for processing this case under Section 367.0814(2), by an additional six weeks. This will allow an opportunity for us to present additional evidence to the staff prior to the finalization of the staff recommendation, and to meet and discuss a few issues which are of great concern to the utility management. The staff has agreed to delay finalization of the staff recommendation until we have had those discussions.

As you know, I have already begun discussions with members of the staff and I should be getting back to you shortly with additional information I believe will show you that adjustments need to be made in several staff positions on this case.

If you have any questions in this regard or if you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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