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Re: Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven
2002 General Rate Increase Application
Our File No. 30057.44

020409-SU

Dear Chairman Jaber:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven ("Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its wastewater system located in Charlotte County, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before August 16, 2002. The Company intends to utilize the PAA process and will be requesting interim rates.

Wastewater rates have not been set since the Company acquired the system. The transfer was approved and rate base established as of August 31, 1998 by Order No. PSC-99-2114-PAA-SU. The current rates were approved under prior ownership in Order No. PSC-95-0478-FOF-SU.

The Company proposes a test year of the year ending December 31, 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. There has been no material growth in the system. Since the expenses incurred are typical and it is the most current year for which financial information is available. No major plant additions have been made in the most recent 18 months. The only pro forma adjustment, which will be requested in this proceeding, is a lift station upgrade

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estimated to cost \$55,474 to be completed in August, 2003. The pro forma adjustment does not relate to growth.

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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