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

Dear Mr. Rendell:

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you concerning the specific issues that Mr. Hein and I are discussing and the additional evidence we wish to provide the staff.

I had intended to combine that with the granting of the additional waiver of the statutory requirement concerning the time for the Commission to complete the processing of this Staff Assisted Rate Case. However, because of delays in getting certain information together for the staff, I thought I should go ahead and write you this letter concerning our acquiescence to a delay beyond the statutory time frames. I am therefore writing this letter to verify that in fact East Marion does authorize an additional extension of time for the Commission to complete processing of this case.

We understand the fact that the Commission's hearing schedules were relatively tight and that the next available two days of hearing is in March or April of the year 2003. Based upon our agreement that a granting of an additional extension of time by my client will not slow down bringing this matter to PAA and your assurance that a Staff Assisted Rate Case rarely goes to hearing and therefore the need for further delay is very unlikely to actually affect the finalization of this case, we are willing to grant an additional five month delay in the statutory deadline to the Commission. To the extent we need any of that additional time to provide further information to the staff before

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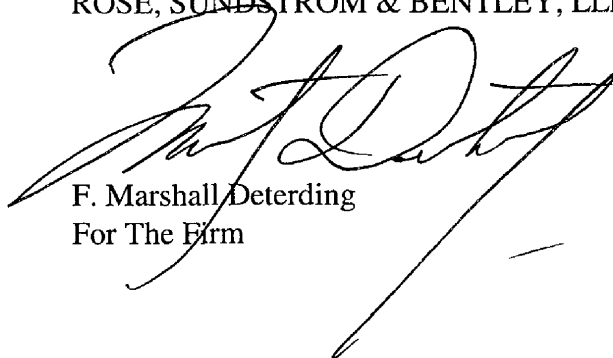
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they complete their recommendation and move toward PAA, you have agreed that the time will be readily available because of this additional overall extension.

If you have any further questions in this regard or need anything further from me in order to finalize the waiver and extension of time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDBSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Marshall Deterding', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

F. Marshall Deterding
For The Firm

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cc: Herbert Hein
Ted Davis

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