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Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 010156-WS
Our File No. 26038.17

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Attached in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Final Order in Docket No. 960545-WS is the most recent report on the status of the pilot project. Please see the attached letter for more detail concerning this status report.

If any members of the staff have any questions or concerns with the direction of the pilot project or anything within Mr. Porter's letters, either this report or previous reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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September 17, 2002

Mr. Stephen G. Watford, President
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Re: PSC Docket No. 010156-WU
Project Number AUI-021-1-S
Seven Springs WS Pilot Plant
Status Report for September 2002

Dear Steve,

I have prepared this project update letter so that you may use it in the preparation of your monthly report to the FPSC concerning this project.

Since my last report, my draft report titled "Interim Report - MIEX[®] Pilot Testing" has been under peer review by Robert Carnahan, Ph.D., P.E., Orica Watercare, Inc., WesTech Engineering, Inc., and Short Environmental Laboratories, Inc.

Last month I reported that I had already received peer review comments from Orica Watercare. This month I received review comments from all the remaining peer reviewers. Their comments were very minor and I am in the process of updating the report accordingly.

I have spoken to Jeffry Greenwell, Program Manager – Potable Water Program for the FDEP Southwest District. My purpose in contacting Mr. Greenwell was to arrange for his review of the MIEX report and to begin discussions with him related to what will need to be undertaken to permit a MIEX facility. I have a meeting scheduled with Mr. Greenwell for September 25th.

As you are aware, I am in the process of preparing the Water System Upgrade Report mandated by the Public Service Commission in their Order related to PSC Docket No. 010503-WU. I anticipate that this report will be completed in approximately five weeks and will include the MIEX information.

If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely yours,



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