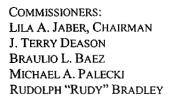
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November 14, 2002

Mr. Mark Waltrip, River Ranch Water Management, LLC 5601 Windhover Drive Orlando, FL 32819-7936

Re: Docket No.: 021067-WS; Company Name: River Ranch Water Management, LLC; Audit Purpose: Staff Assisted Rate Case, prepare schedules of rate base, capital structure and net operating income ; Audit Control No.: 02-318-3-1

Dear Mr. Waltrip:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to Staff Assisted Rate Case, prepare schedules of rate base, capital structure and net operating income, in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Access will be requested to documents and records of the utility and, if necessary, supporting records for affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the utility's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. Mr. James McPherson, the Tampa district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Mr. McPherson can be reached at (813) 356-1444. Questions regarding the audit or audit staff should be directed to the district supervisor or myself. My phone number is (850) 413-6487.

The Audit Access to Records rule for each industry states:

In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss the issue with successive levels of supervisors at the Commission until an agreement is reached.

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A formal report is expected to be issued to internal Commission use on January 21, 2003. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,

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Denise N. Vandiver, Chief Bureau of Auditing

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cc: Division of Auditing and Safety (Tampa District Supervisor, File Folder) Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services General Counsel Office of Public Counsel

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