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# Public Service Commission

December 20, 2002

Mr. J. A. Harstine  
Damon Utilities, Inc.  
47 Lake Damon Dr.  
Avon Park, FL 33825

**Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for Damon Utilities, Inc. in Highlands County, Docket No. 021192-WS**

Dear Mr. Harstine:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Damon Utilities, Inc. We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000 for water and \$500 for wastewater. The fee is based on the capacity of the utility system as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fees must be received by January 19, 2003 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervener status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of Damon Utilities, Inc.'s application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Tracey Biggins at (850)413-6844.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Devlin".

Timothy Devlin  
Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Willis, Rendell, Biggins)  
Office of General Counsel (Rodan)  
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (021192-WS)