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Public Service Commission

December 23, 2002

J. A. Harstine, President,
Damon Utilities, Inc.
47 Lake Damon Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825

Re: **Docket No.:** 021192-WS; **Company Name:** Damon Utilities, Inc.; **Audit Purpose:**
Staff Assisted Rate Case ; **Audit Control No.:** 02-357-3-1

Dear Mr. Harstine:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit for a staff assisted rate case, prepare schedules of rate base, capital structure and net operating income using a test year based on the most recent 12-month period, 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. Charleston Winston, the Orlando district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Mr. Winston can be reached at (407) 245-0846. 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 February 18, 2003. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,



Denise N. Vandiver, Chief
Bureau of Auditing

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