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Re: Hudson Utilities, Inc.'s Application for Increase in Service Availability Charges
Docket No. 020254-SU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of Hudson Utilities, Inc.'s ("Hudson")
Quarterly Progress Report.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this
letter and returning it to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Martin P. McDonnell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Hudson Utilities,)
Inc. for increase in service availability)
charges for wastewater customers in)
Pasco County, Florida.)
_____)

Docket No. 020254-SU

Filed: December 30, 2002

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-1626-PAA-SU issued November 25, 2002 in Docket Nos. 981079-SU, 020253-SU and 020254-SU, Hudson Utilities, Inc. ("Hudson") hereby files its Quarterly Progress Report due on December 31, 2002.

1. In Order No. PSC-02-1626-PAA-SU, the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") granted Hudson's request for an increase in service availability charges. In the Order, the Commission ruled it important to monitor the progress of Hudson's construction project that necessitated the increase in service availability charges, particularly for Phase I of the project, the Signal Cove service area. In the Order, the Commission also noted that Hudson indicated that financing for the construction project would be obtained approximately 60 days after the Order becomes final, and it will take approximately four months after that date to commence service to Signal Cove. In order to monitor the progress of Hudson's construction project, the Commission ordered Hudson to submit quarterly progress reports on December 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, and June 30, 2003. The reports are to list total expenses to date, anticipated remaining expenses, and an estimated date to complete construction of Phase I.

2. On December 20, 2002, in Consummating Order No. PSC-02-1818-COU-SU, the Commission made Order No. PSC-02-1626-PAA-SU effective and final. Hudson has noticed all

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potential customers of the increase in service availability charges and, on December 20, 2002, filed proof of the Customer Notice with the Commission.

3. Hudson has continued to attempt to finalize its commercial financing for the construction project and expects financing to be obtained within sixty days of the Commission's Consummating Order issued December 20, 2002.

4. In response to the Commission's specific requests in Order No. PSC-02-1626-PAA-SU, Hudson submits the following:

a. Total expenses to date.

Response: None, as Hudson is awaiting formal approval for commercial financing prior to commencing construction.

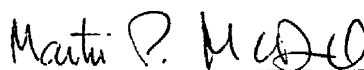
b. Anticipated remaining expenses.

Response: Please see Hudson's anticipated expenses in the attachments to Hudson's application for increase in service availability charges filed March 17, 2002.

c. Estimated date to complete construction of Phase I.

Response. June 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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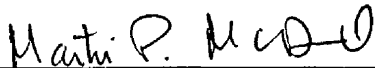
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Quarterly Progress Report was furnished by United States Mail to the following, this 30th day of December, 2002:

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