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Public Service Commission

February 25, 2003

Kevin J. Cherry, President
Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island
3039 York Road
St. James City, FL 33956

Re: **Docket No.:** 030106-SU; **Company Name:** Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island; **Audit Purpose:** prepare schedules of rate base, capital structure and net operating income using the most recent 12 month period available; **Audit Control No.:** 03-055-4-1

Dear Mr. Cherry:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to prepare schedules of rate base, capital structure and net operating income using the most recent 12 month period available, 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. Ms. Kathy Welch, the Miami district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Ms. Welch can be reached at (305) 470-5600. 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:

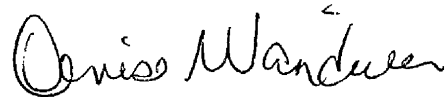
In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss 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 for internal Commission use on April 28, 2003. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise N. Vandiver".

Denise N. Vandiver, Chief
Bureau of Auditing

DNV/jcp

cc: Division of Auditing and Safety (Miami District Supervisor, File Folder)
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