

DOCKET NO.: 020071-WS - Application for rate increase in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

WITNESS: **Direct Testimony of Peter H. Burghardt,**
Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PETER H. BURGHARDT

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- 2 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 3 A. Peter H. Burghardt, 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33617.
- 4 Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and
5 experience.
- 6 A. B.A. Biology from University of South Florida - 1980
7 1982 - 1990 - Pasco County Health Department
8 1990 to present with Florida Department of Environmental Protection as
9 an Environmental Specialist in Domestic Wastewater.
- 10 Q. By whom are you presently employed?
- 11 A. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- 12 Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental
13 Protection and in what capacity?
- 14 A. Since 1990. Domestic Wastewater Compliance/Inspection Section as
15 Environmental Specialist.
- 16 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of
17 Environmental Protection?
- 18 A. Perform compliance inspections of domestic wastewater facilities to
19 ensure they are operating within permit limits and in accordance with
20 department rules. Pursue enforcement, where applicable, to bring
21 facilities into compliance.
- 22 Q. Are you familiar with Utilities, Inc. of Florida's wastewater systems
23 in Marion County, particularly the Crownwood system?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Does the utility have appropriate current permits from the Department

1 of Environmental Protection for the Crownwood wastewater system?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Please state the issuance date and the expiration date of the operating
4 or construction permit.
5 A. Permit No. FLA012680 was issued 4/23/99. This permit expires 4/22/04.
6 Q. Is the utility in compliance with its permit?
7 A. Yes, the plant is in compliance with its permit.
8 Q. Are the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities
9 adequate to serve present customers based on permitted capacity?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Are the treatment and disposal facilities located in accordance with
12 Section 62-600.400(1)(c)(2), Florida Administrative Code?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Has DEP required the utility to take any action so as to minimize
15 possible adverse effects resulting from odors, noise, aerosol drift or
16 lighting?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Do pump stations and lift stations meet DEP requirements with respect
19 to location, reliability and safety?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 62-602,
22 Florida Administrative Code?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution
25 facilities satisfactory?

1 | A. Yes.

2 | Q. Does UIF meet all applicable technology based effluent limitations
3 | (TBELS)?

4 | A. Yes.

5 | Q. Does the facility meet the effluent disposal requirements of Sections
6 | 62-611 and 62-600.530, Florida Administrative Code?

7 | A. At the time of the last inspection - yes. The last inspection was on
8 | 3/11/03.

9 | Q. Are the collection, treatment and disposal facilities in compliance with
10 | all other provisions of Title 62, Florida Administrative Code, not
11 | previously mentioned?

12 | A. Yes.

13 | Q. Has the utility been the subject of any Department of Environmental
14 | Protection enforcement action within the past two years?

15 | A. No.

16 | Q. No you have anything further to add?

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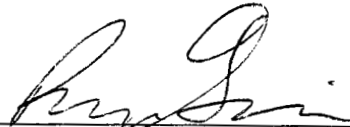
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of Peter H. Burghardt has been furnished to **Martin S. Friedman, Esquire**, Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, 600 S. North Lake Blvd., Ste. 160, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701, and **Stephen Burgess, Esquire**, Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 W. Madison St., Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400, by U.S. Mail, this 16th day of June.



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