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Mr. Ralph L. Bircher
Ranch Mobile WWTP, Inc.
6800 150th Ave. N.
Clearwater, FL 33764

Re: Docket No. 040342-SU, Application for a staff-assisted rate case by Ranch Mobile WWTP, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bircher::

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Ranch Mobile WWTP, Inc., (Ranch Mobile or utility). We find that pursuant to Section 367.0814(1), Florida Statutes, the utility is not eligible for the staff assisted rate case (SARC) filing. Although Ranch Mobile is considered a Class C utility by National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) (annual revenues of less than \$200,000), it is not eligible for a SARC because the utility's gross revenues are above \$150,000.

In order to obtain rate relief, Ranch Mobile may initiate a file and suspend rate case, pursuant to 367.081, Florida Statutes. I am enclosing a copy of the Class C minimum filing requirements (MFRs) along with a copy of Rules 25-30.433 and 25-30.443, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), which explains the requirements of a file and suspend rate case and the MFRs. Also enclosed is a copy of Rule 25-30.020, F.A.C., which shows the filing fees for a file and suspend rate case. In addition, I am enclosing a copy of the current leverage formula adopted by Commission Order No. PSC-03-0707-PAA-WS, and an example of a test year approval request. You may fill out the attached MFRs or, if you prefer, I can send you a disc containing a Lotus file that can be used to generate the MFRs.

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The first step in initiating a file and suspend rate case is to mail your test year approval request to Chairman Braulio L. Baez. After your test year is approved, MFRs must be prepared by the utility. Staff is willing to assist the utility with its test year letter, application, rate case synopsis, and customer meeting notice. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, you can contact Troy Rendell at (850) 413-6934 or Sam Merta at (850) 413-6427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Devlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Devlin

Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Rendell, Merta)
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