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DATE: July 21, 2004

TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director

FROM: Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, General Counsel *RG*

RE: Docket No. 020896-WS – Aloha Utilities, Inc.

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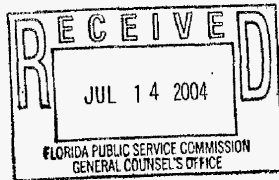
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Colleen M. Castille
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July 7, 2004

V. Abraham Kurien, M.D.
1822 Orchardgrove Avenue
New Port Richey, FL 34655

Re: Letter of June 15, 2004



Dear Dr. Kurien:

We appreciate your ongoing interest in the issue, as well as the information you provided. Upon receipt of your letter, I requested a review by drinking water staff. It is important to recognize that the utility is required to maintain 0.2 mg/l chlorine residual throughout the distribution system, not to remove hydrogen sulfide. Monitoring performed to date has demonstrated compliance with residual chlorine requirements, including chlorine monitoring performed by Department inspectors from May to September 2002 as directed by Tallahassee and the November 2002 monitoring event in which you identified the locations and time frame. The presence of free chlorine in the distribution system indicates that any hydrogen sulfide present in the raw water has been converted to sulfate.

Aloha Utilities is presently in compliance with State and Federal drinking water requirements; therefore, the Department cannot mandate that Aloha Utilities provide additional treatment beyond the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Florida Administrative Code.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Gwen Shofner at (813) 744-6100, extension 306.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah A. Getzoff
District Director
Southwest District

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