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OCTOBER 19, 2004

RE: Docket No. 030444-WS - Application for rate increase in Bay County by Bayside Utility Services, Inc.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should the security to guarantee the approved interim rates be increased, and, if so, what is the appropriate guarantee amount?

Recommendation: Yes. The corporate undertaking for Bayside should be increased by \$55,769 from \$46,964 to \$102,733. This corporate undertaking is acceptable contingent upon receipt of the written guarantee of the parent company, Utilities, Inc. (UI), and written confirmation of UI's continued attestation that it does not have any outstanding guarantees on behalf of UI-owned utilities in other states. UI should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of revenues collected under interim conditions. UI's total guarantee should be a cumulative amount of \$447,240. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the utility should continue to provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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<u>Issue 2</u>: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

