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October 7, 2005

Joseph G. Gabay
Colonial Manor Utilities
P.O. Box 398
New Port Richey, FL 3456-0398

Re: Docket No. 050723-WU - Application for an increase in water rates by Colonial Manor Utilities in Pasco County

Dear Mr. Gabay:

We have received your letter dated September 29, 2005, requesting approval for Colonial Manor Utilities (Colonial Manor) to use a historical base year ended June 30, 2005, with pro forma plant adjustments, for final rates. It is my understanding that the utility will file its application using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) provision in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes. The utility's test year request as outlined above is hereby approved. You should also be aware that if you do not elect to request the PAA process in your application, prefiled direct testimony must be filed with the minimum filing requirements (MFRs).

For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 050723-WU has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will be deemed filed on the date that the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services receives the complete petition, revised tariff sheets, the MFRs, testimony (if not requesting PAA), and the filing fee. To minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above by no later than December 29, 2005. Because of the difficulty in scheduling hearing dates, it is not anticipated that an extension of this filing will be granted.

CMP _____ Under the file and suspend law, the time period for processing the request will begin on the date that all of the required data is completely filed. If not complete, the official filing date will be the date the complete corrections to the deficiencies are filed.

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You further indicated that the utility's capital improvement plan will be submitted separately. Be advised, this information must be included in your MFRs as part of your rate increase request. The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, information not filed with the original application may not be considered.

Sincerely,


Braulio Baez
Chairman

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