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July 18, 2006

Docket No. 060254-SU – Application for increase in wastewater rates in Pinellas County by Mid-County Services, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the utility's proposed wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Mid-County's proposed wastewater rates should be suspended.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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**Issue 2:** Should an interim revenue increase be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. On an interim basis, the utility should be authorized to collect annual wastewater revenues as indicated below:

	<u>Test Year</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Requirement</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Increase</u>
Wastewater	\$1,392,117	\$142,169	\$1,534,286	10.21%

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**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

**Recommendation:** The service rates for Mid-County in effect as of December 31, 2005, should be increased by 10.22% to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, provided the customers have received notice. The revised tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission's decision, that the proposed notice to the customers is adequate, and that the required security discussed in Issue 4 has been filed. Also, the rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

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**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

**Recommendation:** A 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 \$718,575, which includes an amount of \$84,119 subject to refund in this docket. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should 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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**Issue 5:** 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.

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