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September 25, 2006

Mr. Garfield R. Beckstead
Useppa Island Utility, Inc.
P. O. Box 640
Bokeelia, FL 33922

Re: Application for staff assisted rate case by Useppa Island Utility, Inc., Docket No. 060575-WS

Dear Mr. Beckstead:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Useppa Island Utility, Inc. (Useppa or utility). We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case (SARC) filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000 (\$500 for water and \$500 for wastewater). The fee is based on the capacity of the utility system as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee must be received by October 25, 2006 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

CMP _____
COM _____
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ECR _____
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OTH _____

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of Useppa's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Lee County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Sam Merta at (850) 413-6427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Devlin". The signature is stylized with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tim Devlin
Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Rendell, Merta)
Office of General Counsel (Jaeger)
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (060575-WS)