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DATE: June 12, 2007

TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel *RG*

RE: DN 060368-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Please file the attached letter from Charlie Beck dated June 13, 2007, in the docket file for the above-referenced docket. Thank you.

RG

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Re: Docket No. 060368-WS

Dear Mr. Cooke:

On February 5, 2007, Harold McLean wrote you a letter at your request, on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel, concerning the scheduling of hearing dates for the above docket. The letter acknowledged that at that time, the next hearing dates available on the Commission's calendar would be in late October, 2007. The letter further stated that if hearing dates became available in mid-September, 2007, the hearing would be moved to September, 2007.

The primary reason our office gave for agreeing to a mid-September hearing was a concern about the finite resources of our office attempting to actively participate in a number of other water and wastewater cases during this time, particularly in the late October to November, 2007 time frame. Since that letter was written many of the Utilities, Inc. cases have been resolved without formal evidentiary hearings, thus eliminating our concern.

As communicated to you in our meeting yesterday, our office believes it is imperative to keep the hearing dates currently scheduled for this docket, rather than rescheduling the hearing

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for mid-September. Since the above docket involves establishing fair and just revenue requirements for more than eighty separate water and wastewater systems (80 systems with one system being comprised of twelve separate systems), our consultants have requested additional time to file OPC's prefiled direct testimony. The current hearing dates will accommodate OPC's need for additional time to file pre-filed direct testimony and the rescheduling of the other critical dates leading up to the date of the Prehearing Conference, which I understand will not be changed.

The interests of the ratepayers will best be served if the hearing dates for this docket remain unchanged and OPC is granted its request for additional time to file pre-filed direct testimony. We believe the new dates discussed yesterday to file intervenor, staff and rebuttal testimony, as well as to file the prehearing statements should not prejudice any party and permit the case to proceed in an orderly fashion to the currently scheduled hearing dates.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Beck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Charlie Beck
Interim Public Counsel