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Mr. Martin Friedman, Esquire  
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**Re: Docket No. 070694-WS, Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Orange County by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Friedman:

This letter is a follow-up with regard to the customer meeting held in the above referenced docket on August 5, 2008. Please provide a response to each of the customers concerns and other staff questions listed below.

Lift Station

At the customer meeting Mr. Vince Hierholzer expressed concerns regarding lift station number 5 which he asserted is in close proximity to his residence. How often do you receive odor complaints associated with this lift station? Has Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. (Wedgefield or utility) considered installing odor blocks or has the utility taken other odor control measures regarding this lift station? Please explain why a chain link fence and/or wooden surrounding fence was installed around this lift station.

Pursuant to an on-site inspection of lift station number 5 conducted by staff on August 6, 2008, staff noticed ruts or holes in the drive way approach leading up to lift station number 5. With regard to the condition of the drive way approach to lift station number 5; has the utility considered installing a concrete driveway to this lift station? Please provide the number of times the pumps in this lift station have failed in the last 2 years. Moreover, please provide a copy of the utility's easement or other proof of ownership associated with the property upon which lift station number 5 is located. Furthermore, please provide a copy of the utility's easement or other proof of ownership associated with the property upon which all other Wedgefield lift stations are located.

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MIEX

Pursuant to conversations undertaken by Commission staff with Mr. Roger Holsapple, Class C water operator for Wedgefield, it was revealed that the magnetic ion exchange (MIEX) water plant has been in continuous operation since July 28, 2008 (approximately one week). Since July 28, 2008, has the MIEX treated water replaced all the untreated MIEX water in the water distribution system? If not, when do you believe this will happen? Please provide the test results for the treated MIEX water for disinfection by-products, specifically those test results pertaining to total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (HAA5). In addition, please provide the test results for the treated MIEX water for the removal of hydrogen sulfide and any other related test results for the MIEX treated water. Please include any recent tests for secondary standards that provide the total dissolved solids. Moreover, provide a comparison of the amount of chlorine added to the water prior to the installation of the MIEX treatment system and after MIEX treatment.

Estimated Bills

At the customer meeting held on August 5, 2008, Ms. Sherry White asserted that her bill has been estimated for the last three months. At the customer meeting, other customers also reiterated this concern. Please provide the number of estimated bills from January 1, 2008 until the present date August 6, 2008. If the utility has elected to estimate any customer bills during this period, please provide an explanation of why these bills have been estimated.

Please provide a responsive letter by August 25, 2008, answering the aforementioned customer questions and concerns and staff requests to Ann Cole, Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (850) 413-6999.

Sincerely,



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Professional Engineer III

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cc: ~~Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 070094-WS)~~  
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