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August 25, 2010

Mr. S. Norman Duncan, President
Pinecrest Ranches, Inc.
6115 Highway 60 East
Bartow, FL 33830-8923

CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Docket No. 090414-WU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Pinecrest Ranches, Inc., and Delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees for the Years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I hope this letter finds you completely recovered from your recent illness. Also, I would like to thank you for your check paying the regulatory assessment fees (RAFs). That check was received in mid-July, and the utility granted an extension through May 31, 2011, for the Commission to issue a final order (an extension of the statutory time frame). However, because the check was not a cashiers check, staff had to wait until that check cleared before it could again begin to process your case. Staff had initially intended to file its recommendation on increased rates on September 16, 2010. In the event of a protest, this would have allowed time for the Commission to issue a final order by May 31, 2011, and be in compliance with Section 367.0814, Florida Statutes. Now, because of the delay in your check clearing, and the available hearing dates, the May 31, 2011, date is no longer a viable date for issuance of a final order if the Proposed Agency Action Order (PAA Order) is protested.

Staff now plans to file its recommendation on October 14, 2010, for consideration by the Commission at its October 26, 2010, Agenda Conference. In the event the resulting PAA Order is protested, staff has reserved April 6-7, 2011, for a formal hearing. It usually takes about 90 days from the last day of a hearing for the Commission to issue a final order. Therefore, staff requests that you again extend the time for the Commission to enter a final order from May 31, 2011, to July 11, 2011. Again, I have attached a letter for your signature granting the extension through July 11, 2011, if you so agree. In any event, staff will endeavor to place its recommendation on increased rates on the October 26, 2010, Agenda Conference. That recommendation will also address the implementation of temporary rates in the event of a timely protest. Please sign and return the attached letter at your earliest convenience.

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If you have any questions regarding the matters discussed herein, you may contact me at (850) 413-6234, or e-mail me at rjaeger@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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Senior Attorney

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Enclosure

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