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100128-WU

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This is being filed on behalf of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

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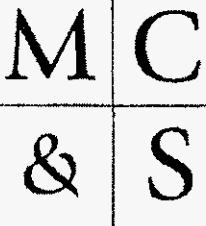
Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.'s Response to Mr. Young's letter of September 22, 2010

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Re: Docket No. 100128-WU

Dear Mr. Young:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 22, 2010, regarding the returned check charges and late fees charged by Lighthouse Utilities.

Notwithstanding the rule you cite, Lighthouse believed that as a business, it had the ability to collect these fees as authorized by statutes including Section 832.07, Florida Statutes, and as limited in application to accounts of federal, state and local governments and agencies.

Lighthouse had no intent to violate Commission rules and was merely operating its business. However, pending approval of returned check charges and late fees by the Commission, the Company has ceased the application of such charges.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Jay Rish  
Mr. Ralph Roberson  
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