

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Application for increase in water/wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

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WITNESS: Direct Testimony of Tom Rauth
Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TOM RAUTH

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- 2 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 3 A. Tom Rauth; 7825 Baymeadows Way Suite B200, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
- 4 Q. Please provide a brief description of your educational background and experience.
- 5 A. I graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering; Currently I have worked at the FDEP
- 6 for over 4 years, mostly in wastewater permitting, and now as the Compliance and
- 7 Enforcement Supervisor.
- 8 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of Environmental Protection?
- 9 A. I oversee all of the compliance and enforcement activities for wastewater in the
- 10 Northeast District of FDEP.
- 11 Q. Are you familiar with the AUF wastewater systems in Alachua and Putnam Counties,
- 12 particularly Arredondo Farms, Palm Port, Park Manor, and Silver Lake Oaks?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Are these systems in compliance with all applicable construction and operating
- 15 permits?
- 16 A. Currently, yes.
- 17 Q. Have any of these AUF systems been the subject of any FDEP compliance
- 18 enforcement action within the past three years?
- 19 A. Yes, Arredondo Farms: A short form consent order was executed on October 5, 2010
- 20 for violations of multiple Sanitary Sewage Overflows (SSOs) from 2008 to 2010. Fines of
- 21 \$4,500 were paid and the case closed on October 19, 2010.
- 22 Q. Other than any violations discussed above, is AUF in compliance with all DEP
- 23 requirements for their wastewater systems in the counties noted above?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Is the overall operation and maintenance of these wastewater treatment plants and

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1 collection facilities satisfactory?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you have anything further to add?

4 A. No, I do not.

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