

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 Richard Lott
Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. Richard Lott, 3319 Maguire Blvd, Suite 232, Orlando, Florida 32803

Q. Please provide a brief description of your educational background and experience.

A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of South Florida (1979) and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Central Florida (1990). I worked for 14 years as a consultant, performing work in the areas of hydrology, groundwater, groundwater contamination remediation, drainage, and stormwater design. I am a Florida-registered Professional Engineer (No. 45930) and Florida-registered Professional Geologist (No. 685).

Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of Environmental Protection?

A. I supervise a staff of five engineers in the permitting section for the review of water main extension and water treatment process permit applications in the DEP Central District Drinking Water Program. I review, sign and seal all permits in the Central District Drinking Water Program. In addition, I supervise and review capacity analysis reports, four-log virus inactivation studies, sole source aquifer studies, and permit determinations for all drinking water public water systems in the Central District.

Q. Are you familiar with the Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc. (AUF) water systems in Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties?

A. In Volusia County, the drinking water program has been delegated to the Volusia County Health Department. I am familiar with the following systems of Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc. for which permits have been issued since 2009: Silver Lake Estates, Belleaire Subdivision, Chuluota, Tangerine Water Company, Forty-Eight Estates, East Lake Harris, and Western Shores. Permits are issued for 5 years.

Permits that have been issued in the Central District since 2009 for these facilities

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1 include the following: (1) Silver Lake Estates- Permit WD35-0080523-009 issued on January
2 12, 2009 and cleared for service on January 5, 2010, Permit WD35-0080523-010 issued on
3 March 11, 2009 and cleared for service on May 19, 2010, Permit WD35-0080523-011 issued
4 on December 1, 2010 but not yet cleared for service, and Permit WD35-0080523-012 issued
5 on April 29, 2011 but not yet cleared for service; (2) Belleaire Subdivision-Permit WC42-
6 0301521-001 issued on March 11, 2009 and not yet cleared for service; and Permit WC42-
7 0301521-002 issued on December 23, 2010 but not yet cleared for service; (3) Chuluota –
8 Permit WC59-0080853-028 was issued on September 25, 2008 and cleared for service on
9 February 12, 2010, Permit WC59-0080853-029 was issued on January 15, 2010 and cleared
10 for service on June 24, 2010, Permit WC59-0080853-030 was issued on March 25, 2010 and
11 cleared for service on August 3, 2010, and Permit WC59-0080853-031 was issued on July 2,
12 2010 and cleared for service on August 3, 2010; Tangerine Water Company-Permit WD48-
13 0080758-011 was issued on March 26, 2010 and cleared for service on May 25, 2010 and
14 Permit WC48-0080758-012 was issued on February 9, 2010 and cleared for service on
15 November 4, 2010; East Lake Harris-Permit WC352-0080475-002 was issued on January 12,
16 2009 but not yet cleared for service; and Western Shores-Permit WC35-0161019-005 was
17 issued on January 12, 2009 but not yet cleared for service.

18 Q. Are these systems in compliance with all applicable construction permits?

19 A. Yes, approval for systems that have been cleared for service by the Department are
20 presumed to be in compliance with the permit and Chapter 62-555, F.A.C. based upon
21 submittal of the Engineer's signature and professional seal on Form 62-555.900(9) entitled
22 "Certification of Construction Completion and Request for Clearance to Place Permitted PWS
23 Components into Operation". Permits that have not yet been cleared for service are not
24 indicative that the system is out-of-compliance, only that a full clearance has not been
25 submitted for that permit within the five year timeframe.

1 Q. Do you have anything further to add?
2 A. No, I do not.
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