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RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO STRIKE SUPPLEMENTAL REBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILED BY AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("AUF"), hereby responds to the Motion to Strike AUF's November 3, 2011 Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony filed by the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") on November 4, 2011. Because OPC's Motion to Strike is wholly lacking any factual or legal support, it should be denied. In support hereof, AUF states:

AUF's November 3, 2011 Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony (the "November 3 filing") provides detailed responses to customer testimony at the customer service hearings held in this case. The record in this case demonstrates that the November 3 filing was expressly recognized by the Commission on the record and in Order, and discussed on the record of the customer service hearings on at least 13 occasions prior to the November 3 filing.

First, the November 3 filing was made at the direct request of Commission Staff. At the first customer service hearing held in this proceeding—the Greenacres Service Hearing, held on August 29, 2011—Commission Staff requested that AUF late-file its "response to the sworn customer testimony that is going to be heard at this and the other service hearings" on "November 3rd." (See Greenacres Service Hearing Tr., at 5-6 (attached as Exhibit "A").) Staff's request was approved by Chairman Graham at that hearing. (Id.)

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Second, that AUF would be making such a November 3 filing was expressly memorialized by the Prehearing Officer in Order No. PSC-11-0504-PCO-WS, dated October 27, 2011, which states:

... I note that we just completed ten customer service hearings, one each at Greenacres, Ft. Myers, Sebring, Oviedo, Gainesville, Palatka, Eustis, Chipley, New Port Richey, and Lakeland in which we heard from the customers. AUF is scheduled to file its late-filed exhibit in response to this customer testimony on November 3, 2011.

(Emphasis added.)

Furthermore, the record is replete with references to the November 3 filing. Composite Exhibit "B," attached hereto, contains transcript excerpts from customer service hearings held in Sebring, Oviedo, Palatka, Eustis, and Lakeland, which include such references to the November 3 filing. These repeated references make clear that the customers, the Commission, and the parties—including OPC—were well aware that AUF would be filing sworn testimony on November 3, 2011, in response to issues raised during the customer service hearings.

Because OPC's Motion to Strike is wholly without merit for lack of any factual or legal support, OPC has unnecessarily driven up rate case expense in this proceeding. Accordingly, AUF respectfully requests that the Commission deny OPC's Motion to Strike, and award any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this <u>7th</u> day of November, 2011.

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CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good evening, everyone.

(Audience response.)

Come on, you can do better than that. Good evening. (Audience response.)

There you go. I want to welcome y'all here.

This is our first in a series of ten Aqua Utility

service hearings. For the record, my name is Art

Graham, and I'm currently the Chair at the PSC. I'm

joined with Commissioner Lisa Edgar.

And for the record, we want to make sure -the date is Monday the 29th of August, 2011, and Docket
Number 100330.

With that all being said, Staff, I need you to read the notice.

MS. KLANCKE: By notice, this time and place has been set for a customer service hearing in Docket 100330-WS, application for increase in water and 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.

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any preliminary matters?

MS. KLANCKE: We have a few preliminary

matters with respect to the exhibits. In particular,

Staff at this time would like to note that Exhibit

Number 1 has been reserved for Staff's Comprehensive

Exhibit List. This exhibit list will be addressed at the hearing.

Item Number 2, staff would like to request to be reserved for the late-filed utility response to the sworn customer testimony that is going to be heard at this and the other service hearings. In addition, staff would like to note that this utility response will be late-filed on November 3rd. If it is acceptable to you, we can just label this as an exhibit named Utility Response.

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay.

MS. KLANCKE: In addition, staff would like, at this time, to enter the notice, which is a composite exhibit containing the notices and affidavits with respect to publication for the Greenacres, North Fort Myers, Sebring, and Chuluota Service Hearings. We would like to identify that as Exhibit Number 3. The exhibit name, if it's acceptable, shall be specified as Notice Composite Exhibit.

(Exhibit 3 marked for identification. Exhibit Numbers 1 and 2 reserved.)

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: All right. Is that all the preliminary matters?

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B

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1	get on a payment plan to pay the remainder, correct?		
2	MR. MACERI: Yes.		
3	MR. MAY: Thank you.		
4	No further questions.		
5	COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Commissioner Brown.		
6	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.		
7	Just a question for Mr. May regarding the fire		
8	hydrants in the area and the lack thereof. Can you		
9	explain that briefly?		
10	MR. MAY: Commission Brown, I don't have that		
11	information before you, but we are going to provide a		
12	response to all the customers' testimony and file that		
13	with a witness under oath on November I think it's		
14	November 3rd, and so we will be sure to cover that issue		
15	at that time.		
16	COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.		
17	MR. MACERI: Thank you.		
18	COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Thank you.		
19	Ms. Christensen.		
20	MS. CHRISTENSEN: The next customer we have		
21	signed up to speak is Mr. David Bussey.		
22	DAVID BUSSEY		
23	appeared as a witness and, swearing to tell the truth,		
24	testified as follows:		
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position to talk about them and advise the Commission if things progress. But, you know, the policy of my client, of Aqua Utilities is to have an open-door policy and to discuss, you know, different potential solutions, different potential transactions as they might arise.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: And my question is has the utility received an offer from Pasco County to purchase the system?

MR. MAY: No.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Commissioner Balbis.

COMMISSIONER BALBIS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I have a question for Mr. May. It's along the same lines, although it has to do with a different area that was addressed I believe it was Monday in a customer service hearing. And can you update us on the Lake Osborne Estates issue with Lake Worth Utilities, because, again, those additional costs are passed on to the --

MR. MAY: Absolutely. And, again, for fear of testifying, I will give you -- I'm an attorney, so I will give you kind of my understanding, and we will certainly address this formally with a witness under oath on November 3rd. But negotiations, discussions with Lake Worth Utilities are ongoing. My client is

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1	EXAMINATION		
2	BY MR. MAY:		
3	Q Ms. Lawrence, I'm Bruce May with the law firm		
4	of Holland & Knight. We represent Aqua.		
5	A Yes.		
6	Q And I have just a couple of questions. We're		
7	going to be filing a response to your testimony on		
8	November 3rd of this year, so I want to make sure that		
9	we have all the information correct before we do that.		
10	A All right.		
11	Q So, again, not trying to put you on the spot.		
12	A No. That's all right.		
13	Q I'm simply trying to get, get the facts.		
14	You mentioned that you had a problem with a		
15	bill and called a supervisor.		
16	$oldsymbol{\lambda}$ I called to speak to a supervisor, requested		
17	it.		
18	Q And when was that call made, ma'am?		
19	A It was probably October, November. And I told		
20	you, I didn't write it down. All I know is it was about		
21	that because the bill was so high.		
22	Q October or November of 2010?		
23	A Yes. That would be it, because we've only		
24	been here since end of June last year.		
25	Q And you also indicated that you had a leak		
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I'll be honest with you, because when I do call, I don't get any service. So what happens is I wait to see if the water gets better. If it gets better, then it, I let it go until it happens again. And, you know, like I was telling her, I will keep better records now because I feel like somebody is listening and gonna pay attention. It's just that it never quite goes away.

I did have one other thing, if you don't mind.

You mentioned something, some kind of filing, I hope I
heard right, November 3rd that has to do with Chuluota?

Q No, ma'am. I, I don't want to confuse you. What we're going to be filing is testimony under oath with the Commission responding to some of the concerns that you all are identifying today. So that's one -- that's really the purpose of my question. Again, not to put you on the spot. I'm trying to get the facts right from our end so that we can provide the information to the Commission.

A Okay. Well, the only thing I can tell you is that my calls have been through, I would say the last few years, even probably further back, and I get the same exact answers and lack of follow-up no matter what. It doesn't matter when I've called or what it's been about, I always have to call back. And I feel like I have to double back. And then when I do double back,

concerns, and actually drove out to their home, met for -- I think it was several hours, wasn't it, Ms. Castro?

MS. CASTRO: About an hour and a half, and then she got really irritated and she left and said, "We're not going anywhere with this." Because I was literally in tears. And she said, "We'll just deal with this later." And Tricia Williams is sitting on my kitchen table rubbing her head like she's totally annoyed for being there. Let's just throw that one in too.

COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. May, you did ask.

MR. MAY: I did.

MS. CASTRO: The truth hurts.

MR. MAY: We will, we will be supplying a detailed response, but essentially the president of Aqua, Ms. Wallingford at the time, and Ms. Tricia Williams visited the home in an effort to address their concerns. At that time there was a credit offered, and also the Castros were placed on a payment plan, which is not required by law and is not required by rules. Again, we'll put that under oath in our filing on November 3rd.

MS. CASTRO: I don't think I ever got

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Commissioner Balbis?

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Yes.

MR. MAY: Commissioner Balbis, as is normally the case with me, I've been advised by our engineer that I left some information out and did not give you a complete answer. And my apologies. I will kind of give you a complete rundown of what's being done to address the TTHM issues at the River Groves system.

The first action item that the company has undertaken, it's lowered the tank levels. Second, it's performed directional flushing. The third, it's lowered the chlorine levels in the treatment system. And fourth, more recently it's initiated automatic, excuse me, automatic flushing of the system.

The company has met with Putnam County to discuss interconnection. The company has also been in constant communication with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The company has also, in addition to interconnection is looking at a new treatment system using chloramines. All of that information will be provided to the Commission and to the customers in further detail under sworn testimony in our filing on November 3rd.

COMMISSIONER BALBIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Once again, I want to thank

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Mr. Denmark, thank you very much for coming 1 this evening. I'm Bruce May. I represent Aqua. We're 2 going to be filing a response to your testimony and some 3 of the other customers' testimony on November 3rd, so I 4 want to make sure I have all the information that I can 5 as accurate as I can. 6 7 You had indicated that you had contacted customer service representatives of Aqua on several 8 occasions. 9 Correct. And also let me state, every time I 10 11 made a complaint, my next month's bill was outrageous. It shot up every time. 12 Can you -- I'm sorry. Can you tell me what 13 month and what day? 14 I have called numerous times. I couldn't tell 15 16 you. Can you give me a range as to what week of 17 what month that you called? 18 19 Well, the most recent had to have been probably two months ago when we got the huge bill. 20 mean, I just found out five minutes ago that they can 21 pull the calls, so I'm --22 23 Approximately what, what -- a couple of weeks 24 ago, you think?

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No. A couple of months ago.

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plenty of opportunity, and I would really sincerely would like to know why they have a lift station with no alarm on it that will let them know when it is not working. I think that is a very fair question to ask, and I think everybody in this room would like to hear Aqua answer that.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: And that is a question that I think you can get an answer to right now.

MR. MILES: I can?

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Yes.

MR. MAY: We can get you an answer by

Ms. Williams, Patricia Williams, after you speak. But I

just wanted you to understand, we will be filing -- we

are filing testimony on this very subject on

October 27th and on November 3rd, so this is going to be

part of our testimony to explain on the record -- I can

talk now, but I would like to provide you with sworn

testimony exactly what Aqua does with respect to its

alarm system at its lift stations.

MR. MILES: Okay. Thank you.

Thank you very much.

MR. MAY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: We will enter your items into the record.

MS. BENNETT: Composite Miles Number 44.

MR. MAY: Thank you, Mr. Leones, for speaking 3 today. Just to follow up, I think you might have heard, we are going to be filing some responsive 5 testimony on November 3rd, and we want to make sure our 6 7 records are as accurate as we can get them. You said that you had some concerns and some problems when you 8 had contacted the call center regarding a drop in 9 1.0 pressure and you were treated rudely by the customer 11 service representative? MR. LEONES: Absolutely. 12 MR. MAY: Do you recall the day and the month 13 that occurred? 14 MR. LEONES: It was last month. 15 Phyllis, what date was that? September 11th. 16 It was 9/11. 17 MR. MAY: Okay. Thank you, sir. 18 COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Thank you. 19 MR. KELLY: Mr. Bowers will be followed by Ms. 20 21 Patricia Minor. COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Ms. Minor, you will have 22 to move forward. After Mr. Bowers, we're going to take 23 a ten-minute break for our court reporter to get a rest, 24 and we are going to probably switch court reporters at 25

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Any questions?

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COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Okay. We'll ask if someone could take a look at that podium for us.

(Podium locked into place.)

Okay. At this time -- Commissioner Brown asked a question of the company, so at this time we're going to give them the opportunity to answer.

MR. MAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And,

Commissioner Brown, we've had an opportunity to consult

with our engineers and technical staff.

With respect to the piping improvements and the additional piping in Polk County, as you heard, throughout the county in many different situations one of the most common is when there is a line break. The lines at that time are repaired, replaced, and refurbished. In addition, as Mr., Mr. Fox indicated at the outset, there is a substantial infiltration, INI, a project that was done in the Breeze Hill area that he was referring to in his opening as far as pipe replacement, line replacement, and refurbishments. We'd be glad to provide some additional information on that in our rebuttal testimony on November 3rd.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: That would be great. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Thanks very much. I do think at this time we do have some items that we need to

but I did not understand the answer that we got about

the upgrading pumps and replacing pipes.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Say that again. I'm

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Say that again. I'm sorry. Oh, you want the answer to be repeated about the pumps?

MR. HINES: Right.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: And lift stations?

MR. HINES: Right.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Okay. So I'll give the company an opportunity to answer the question.

MR. MAY: Sure. And thank you for the question. We'll be responding to this, to complete the record, with sworn testimony on -- I think we'll be filing it on November 3rd.

But just to give you the, kind of just a summary, I think I mentioned earlier the question from Commissioner Brown was what have you done with respect to replacing lines and pipes? And when there's a line break in any area in Polk County or any area where Aqua serves, the company goes in and installs new lines to repair the break, refurbish the line when necessary. As far as the specific details of pump replacements, Ms., excuse me, Ms. Williams and Mr. Householder can walk you through that, that aspect better than I can right now.

MR. HINES: Well, I don't believe that these

and I haven't seen the notice actually to be able to comment on that. It may have been a typo. Maybe Aqua can explain that.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Thank you.

MR. HINES: All I know is hasn't anything changed at Rosalie Oaks, so I just wondered why we got moved. But I would like to know what Aqua has done at Rosalie Oaks in the past year to deserve another increase.

COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: I don't know if that's a question that Aqua can answer at this time, but I'll give you an opportunity to try.

MR. MAY: I mean, I can, I can give you in a summary. We'll be providing more detail in our final sworn testimony on November 3rd. But just for example as far as capital improvements for the Rosalie Oaks system, we've also moved, relocated a lift station, and also we've added, I think, a systematic, automatic flushers to the system in Rosalie Oaks. I think Mr., excuse me, I think Mr. Fox will address that in his opening, and we'll be glad to provide more detail in the sworn testimony on the 27th -- excuse me, the 3rd of November.

MR. HINES: Did I understand you to say, did I understand you to say that you moved the lift station?