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November 26, 2012

West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC
Attn: Mike Smallridge
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Eaton Park, FL 33840

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Re: Docket No. 120270-SU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance in the above referenced case filed by West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC (West Lakeland or Utility). We find that the Utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case (SARC) filing with the exception that the Utility owes outstanding regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) for 2010 and 2011. At this time, the Utility owes \$5,395.11 for 2010 RAFs and an estimated \$2,263.12 for 2011. We are aware that the Utility has made partial payments toward the outstanding amounts. Therefore, we will proceed with West Lakeland's application for a SARC, provided that the Utility continues to work with Commission staff to develop a payment plan to pay the outstanding RAFs.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000. The fee is based on the capacity of the Utility's systems as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fees must be received by December 26, 2012, which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of West Lakeland's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Polk County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the Utility's books, records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Shannon Hudson at (850) 413-7021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall Willis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Marshall Willis
Director

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cc: Division of Accounting and Finance (Prestwood, Mouring, Golden)
Division of Economics (Hudson, Thompson)
Division of Engineering (McRoy, Ellis)
Office of General Counsel (Murphy)
Division of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 120270-SU)