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July 12, 2013

Four Points Utility Corporation  
Attn: Mike Smallridge  
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**Re: Docket No. 130161-WS – Application for staff assistance for alternative rate setting case in Polk County by Four Points Utility Corporation**

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance in the above referenced case filed by Four Points Utility Corporation (Four Points or Utility). We find that the Utility is eligible for the staff assistance for alternative rate setting case (SAARS).

The staff engineer has determined that the filing fee in this rate case is \$2,000 (\$1,000 for water and \$1,000 for wastewater). The fee is based on the capacity of the Utility's systems as provided by Section 367.145(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.). The filing fees must be received by August 11, 2013, which is the official filing date for this rate case. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.456(9), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Commission shall deny the application if a utility does not remit the fee, as provided by Section 367.145, F.S., and paragraph 25-30.020(2)(f), F.A.C., within 30 days after official acceptance.

On June 12, 2013, Four Points filed its petition requesting authority to increase its rates for water and wastewater services pursuant to Sections 367.0814 and 367.121, F.S., and Rule 25-30.456, F.A.C. In accordance with Rule 25-30.456, F.A.C., the application must be accompanied by certain minimum filing requirements (MFRs) in support of the requested increase.

We reviewed Four Points filing and have determined there are no deficiencies, thus the MFRs have been met. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 25-30.456(7), F.A.C., the official date of filing is established as August 11, 2013, and the 90-day timeframe pursuant to Rule 25-30.456(13) will begin on that date.

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

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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 Four Point's SAARS application 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.

Due to the limited timeframe to process the SAARS application, Commission audit staff have already contacted your office to schedule a convenient time for examination of the Utility's books and records. It is imperative that Four Point's representatives work closely with Commission audit staff to expedite the audit. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Lydia Roberts at (850) 413-6877 or Martha Golden at (850) 413-7015.

Sincerely,



Marshall Willis  
Director

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