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OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Chairman Ronald A. Brisé Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc.

General Rate Increase Application

Our File No. 30057.212

Dear Chairman Brisé:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. (the "Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its water and wastewater systems located in Polk County, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before September 30, 2013.

The Company's last general rate proceeding was in Docket No. 060257-WS, which culminated in Order No. PSC-07-0912-AS-WS, issued November 9, 2007, approving a Settlement Agreement between the Company and OPC. The Company subsequently had a rate increase pursuant to a limited proceeding in Docket 090349-WS which culminated in PAA Order No. PSC-10-0682-PAA-WS, issued November 15, 2010.

The Company requests a historic test year ending December 31, 2012. The requested test year is representative of a normal full year of operation. However, there will be pro forma adjustments to expenses to reflect expenses in the years when rates will be in effect.

Since the Company's last rate proceeding, the Company has experienced increases in operating expenses, specifically, salary expenses, that exceed the annual indexing amount. In addition, the Company has undertaken several capital projects.

The Company anticipates including pro forma increase in salary expense and, two pro forma plant projects in its filing:



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- 1. Cypress Lakes WWTP EQ Tank Refurbishment, \$100,000, to be completed by December 1, 2013.
- 2. Cypress Lakes Hydro Tank #1 Replacement, \$50,000, completed and placed into service in June 2013.

Pursuant to Section 367.081 (8), Florida Statutes, the Company requests that the Commission process this Application for rate relief using the proposed agency action procedure. The Company also will request interim rates based on the historic test year.

Should you or members of the Staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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