

January 16, 2014

VIA E-FILING

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumark Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 130211-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by S.V. Utilities, Ltd.: Our File No. 42038.02

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

The following are the responses of S.V. Utilities, Ltd. (SV or Utility) to the Staff's First Data Request dated December 19, 2013.

1. Please provide a current, detailed breakdown of all salaries, directly incurred and allocated, for which the Utility is seeking recovery in this docket. In your response, please include the employee name, salary/hourly wage, a detailed description of duties performed and the percentage of time spent for each duty, as well as a detailed breakdown of how their salary is allocated to SV.

Response. The salary amounts and allocations were provided to the audit staff pursuant to a Request for Confidential Classification (Documents No. 06876-13)

2. Please describe any management fees paid by the Utility, including the amount of the management fees, and what services are provided by the management companies.

Response. There are no management fees paid by the Utility.

3. Please estimate the amount of rate case expense for this case, both to date and through the Proposed Agency Action phase, and provide a detailed breakdown of all costs. The estimate should reflect cost reductions due to the cases for two related companies being processed simultaneously. Provide a detailed breakdown of these cost reductions.

Response. In addition to the legal rate case expense as set forth on the enclosed schedule and the \$1,500 filing fee, the Utility will incur the expense of mailing the customer meeting notice and final notice of \$733.20, broken down as follows:

705 customers – each mailing:

\$42.30 (envelopes) + \$324.30 (postage) = \$366.60 (Total)

4. Please state how working these two cases together reduced rate case expense.

Response. The savings in legal rate case expense have been material as a result of these two cases being processed simultaneously. Many of the responses to the auditors and addressing confidential salary information and the Staff's First Data Request have been practically identical which results in less time in responding and thus less fees. Further, scheduling both matters on the same agenda allows the fees and costs of attendance to be split in half.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN
For the Firm

MSF/der
Enclosure

cc: Brian Altman (via email)
Pete Lester (via email)

S.V. Utilities, Ltd.
Docket No. 130211-WS
Sundstrom &, Friedman, LLP

Actual Fees and Costs through December, 2013 (Invoices Attached) \$2,283.46

ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE RATE CASE THROUGH PAA ORDER

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.5 hrs	Respond to formal and informal data requests from Staff
5.5 hrs	Prepare for and attend customer meeting; Discuss customer meeting with client and consultant; Discuss customer meeting with Staff, including responding to formal and informal inquiries.
5.0 hrs	Review Preliminary Staff Report and conference with client concerning same; Research and draft response to preliminary Staff Report.
2.5 hrs	Review Staff recommendation; Conference with client and consultants regarding recommendation; Conference with Staff regarding recommendation.
7.5 hrs	Prepare for and attend Agenda conference, discuss Agenda with client, consultant and Staff. (Split with CHC VII)*
1.0 hrs	Review PAA Order; conference with client and consultants regarding PAA Order.
3.0 hrs	Prepare revised tariff sheets, obtain Staff approval of tariffs; Draft final customer notice, obtain Staff approval; Coordinate mailing of customer notices and implementation of tariffs.
21.5 hrs @ \$350/hr	
TOTAL	\$7,525.00 total estimated fees

Estimate of costs to complete:

\$ 335.00 Attend Agenda Conference & Customer Meeting, travel/meals/hotel(split with CHC VII)*
\$ 20.00 Estimated photocopier costs
\$ 20.00 Estimated courier costs
\$ 375.00 TOTAL

* Assuming the two cases remain on the same agenda schedule

TOTAL ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED LEGAL FEES AND COSTS : \$10,183.46

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AUGUST 13, 2013
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MATTER: 2013 SARC

7/03/13 MSF	CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN AND MR. MOATS REGARDING FILING RATE CASE	.60	210.00
7/08/13 MSF	BEGIN RESEARCH AND DRAFT OF SARC APPLICATION; LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN CONCERNING SAME;	1.30	455.00
7/23/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN REGARDING FINALIZING APPLICATION; REVISE APPLICATION AND LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN;	.40	140.00

TOTAL HOURS 2.30

PROFESSIONAL FEES \$ 805.00

MARTIN S FRIEDMAN 2.30 805.00

TOTAL COSTS ADVANCED \$.00

TOTAL STATEMENT \$ 805.00
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MATTER: 2013 SARC

9/06/13 MSF	REVIEW SARC ACCEPTANCE LETTER AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN; RESEARCH AND DRAFT LETTER TO COUNTY MANAGER	.20	70.00
9/17/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER WHO TELEPHONED; REVIEW CASE SCHEDULE AND LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN CONCERNING SAME';	.20	70.00
9/19/13 MSF	REVIEW AUDIT REQUESTS;	.10	35.00
9/20/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN WHO TELEPHONED;	.20	70.00
	TOTAL HOURS	.70	

PROFESSIONAL FEES \$ 245.00

MARTIN S FRIEDMAN .70 245.00

FEDERAL EXPRESS 11.38
PHOTOCOPIES 5.50

TOTAL COSTS ADVANCED \$ 16.88

TOTAL STATEMENT \$ 261.88
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MATTER: 2013 SARC

10/15/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN WHO TELEPHONED IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH AUDITORS;	.20	70.00
10/16/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN REGARDING MEETING WITH AUDITORS;	.20	70.00
10/17/13 MSF	REVIEW CONFIDENTIAL SALARY INFORMATION AND FINALIZE LETTER TO MR.. MAVRIDES CONCERNING SAME	.20	70.00
	TOTAL HOURS	.60	

PROFESSIONAL FEES \$ 210.00

MARTIN S FRIEDMAN .60 210.00

TOTAL COSTS ADVANCED \$.00

TOTAL STATEMENT \$ 210.00
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MATTER: 2013 SARC

11/11/13 MSF	RESEARCH AND DRAFT REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF AUDIT DOCUMENTS; LETTER TO PSC CLERK CONCERNING SAME;	.90	315.00
11/22/13 MSF	REVIEW AUDIT REPORT; TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN, MR. FAULK AND MS. KELLEY CONCERNING SAME;	.40	140.00
11/25/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH PSC AUDITOR HILL-SLAUGHTER, MR. ALTMAN, MR. FALK AND MS. KELLEY CONCERNING AUDIT; FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN AND MR. FALK REGARDING AUDIT	.30	105.00

TOTAL HOURS 1.60

PROFESSIONAL FEES \$ 560.00

MARTIN S FRIEDMAN 1.60 560.00

TOTAL COSTS ADVANCED \$.00

TOTAL STATEMENT \$ 560.00
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MATTER: 2013 SARC

12/01/13 MSF	RESEARCH AND DRAFT RESPONSE TO AUDIT REPORT AND LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN CONCERNING SAME;	.60	210.00
12/02/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN AND REVISE AUDIT RESPONSES; LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN;	.20	70.00
12/03/13 MSF	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MR. ALTMAN WHO TELEPHONED REGARDING RESPONSE TO AUDIT; REVIEW MR. ALTMAN'S COMMENTS TO AUDIT RESPONSE AND REVISE ACCORDINGLY;	.20	70.00
12/20/13 MSF	REVIEW PSC STAFF MEMO ON CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST AND LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN CONCERNING SAME;	.10	35.00
12/22/13 MSF	REVIEW STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST AND LETTER TO MR. ALTMAN CONCERNING SAME;	.10	35.00

TOTAL HOURS 1.20

PROFESSIONAL FEES \$ 420.00

MARTIN S FRIEDMAN 1.20 420.00

FEDERAL EXPRESS 11.58

PHOTOCOPIES 15.00

TOTAL COSTS ADVANCED \$ 26.58

TOTAL STATEMENT \$ 446.58