

HC Waterworks, Inc. Jumper Creek Utility Company Brevard Waterworks, Inc.

December 10, 2014

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Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 140158-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County by HC Waterworks, Inc.

Re: Docket No. 140147-WS - Application of Jumper Creek Utility Company for Staff Assisted Rate Case in Sumter County

Re: Docket No. 140186-WU - Application of Brevard Waterworks, Inc. for Staff Assisted Rate Case in Brevard County – Staff Second Data Request Response

Dear Commission Clerk,

The Office of Public Counsel has requested the supporting workpapers and calculations for the Outside Contractual Services for the U.S. Water Services Corporation contract. HC Waterworks, Inc. (HCWW); Jumper Creek Utility Company (Jumper Creek); and Brevard Waterworks, Inc. (BWW) pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006(3), Florida Administrative Code, requests confidential classification of its response to the Office of Public Counsels request.

The information being requested is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of Section 367.093(3), F.S. This requested information at issues relates to contractual data, such as operations and contract terms, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of U.S. Water Services (a non-regulated corporation) to negotiate contractual services contracts on favorable terms. The information at issue relates to the competitive interests of U.S. Water Services and its clients, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive businesses. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 367.093(1), F.S.

This information should be considered proprietary confidential information in that is (i) intended to be and is treated as private, confidential information by the U.S. Water Services, (ii) because disclosure of the information would cause irreparable harm to U.S. Water Services’ business operation, and (iii) the information has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public.

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The above utilities have conferred with the Office of Public Counsel and can represent that OPC is not opposed to this request.

Wherefore, HCWW; Jumper Creek; and BWW respectfully request that the requested third party contracts be granted confidential classification and treated accordingly. The above utilities request that the information be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. that, the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in Section 366.093(4), F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

The requested information has been saved on an electronic USB flashdrive and has been provided in an enclosed sealed red envelope.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Rendell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Troy Rendell
Manager of Regulated Utilities
// For HC Waterworks, Inc.
// For Jumper Creek Utility Company
// For Brevard Waterworks, Inc.