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DATE: May 29, 2015
TO: Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Clayton Lewis, US Engineering Specialist, Division of Engineering *CLKP*
RE: Docket No. 150110-WS_. Application for staff-assisted rate case in Brevard
County by Aquarina Utilities, Inc.

Please file the attached in the "Documents" tab of the above mentioned docket file.

Thank you.

Aquarina Utilities, Inc.

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28 May 2015

Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Reference: Aquarina Utilities, Inc. SARC, Docket No. 150010-WS

Dear Sir or Madam:

Aquarina Utilities, Inc. formally requests the statutory guideline for processing a Staff Assisted Rate Cases be waived for Docket No. 150010-WS. Specifically, Aquarina Utilities is requesting a waiver of the 15 month time frame established in Florida Statute 367.0814 (2). Aquarina Utilities wishes to add additional proforma expenses that were not previously reported. In addition to the already submitted proforma items, we would appreciate the consideration of the following items:

- 1) We request the provision of funds for two full-time maintenance staff with appropriate salaries and benefits. One of these maintenance employees was hired 26 May 2015. The utility owner, Reginald Burge, has also been placed on payroll as of 18 May 2015 and will be working as our other full-time maintenance staff until a new employee can be hired. Two maintenance staff are needed to ensure the safety of our employees. Our facility is isolated and phone service is unreliable; the "buddy system" is a must. We would like to be able to pay each maintenance person a minimum \$20 per hour (net) with the additional provision of health insurance, as this was the salary of the previous full-time maintenance person. The utility will pay all payroll taxes and provide workman's compensation. We would appreciate consideration of additional funds for reimbursement for fuel costs related to travel to our remote location.
- 2) We further request provision of funds for a part-time office person who will be responsible for managing accounts receivables and will assist in preparation of mailings and billings. This individual will work 10-20 hours a week, as needed, at \$10.00/hr. We have currently

employed a part-time accounts receivable clerk at a rate of \$550/month, averaging roughly 55 hours per month or 13.75hrs/week.

- 3) Finally, we request the provision of funds for the retirement and replacement of the well column and pumping system for the well that services the non-potable system (Well #1, located on the golf course, one of our two potable wells). This work was completed under emergency circumstances about a week ago and cost \$22,700. It was necessary, as we were unable to provide water for customer irrigation and fire protection without the complete refitting of the well.

Aquarina Utilities is also requesting a postponement in returning a response to the Staff's 2nd Data Request for the staff engineer, Mr. Clayton Lewis. Health issues and delays in vendor response have prevented us from responding in a timely manner. Your lenience in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

We will keep in contact Commission staff when we have obtained the necessary information and can proceed with the Staff Assisted Rate Case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin R. Burge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin R. Burge
President; Aquarina Utilities, Inc.