

Black Bear Waterworks, Inc.

August 26, 2015

Office of Commission Clerk
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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HILSON HUB

Re: Application of Black Bear Waterworks, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Black Bear Reserve Water Corporation's Water System in Lake County – Request for Confidential Classification Pursuant to Section 366.093, F.S. – Staff First Data Request

Dear Commission Clerk,

Black Bear Waterworks, Inc. (BBWW) pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (FS), and Rule 25-22.006(3), Florida Administrative Code, requests confidential classification of its response to Staff's first data request dated August 21, 2015. Specifically, the Staff is requesting revised **personal** financial statements of the individual owners of BBWW, the disclosure of which would harm the privacy interests of individual persons and subject those persons to other harm including potential identity theft and could provide unauthorized access to third parties.

The personal financial statements are those of the individual owners and not of a related company and/or parent corporation. This information should be considered proprietary confidential information in that is (i) intended to be and is treated as private, confidential information by the Company (BBWW), (ii) because disclosure of the information would cause irreparable harm to the Company's business operation, and (iii) the information has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. Again, this personal financial information is of individual persons who own the utility, and not of those of a regulated utility or related business. This personal financial information will include such information as, (a) personal residences, (b) personal bank accounts, (c) personal vehicles, (d) personal investments, (e) personal retirement funds and/or investments, (f) personal indebtedness, (g) personal mortgages, etc. This information is not commonly available for public disclosure on a personal individual nature.

Black Bear Waterworks, Inc. respectfully submits that the requested **personal** financial information of individual persons, not businesses, is not contemplated to be covered under Section 366.093, FS. Specifically, Section 366.093(1), FS, states:

366.093 Public utility records; confidentiality.—

(1) The commission shall continue to have reasonable access to all public utility records and records of the **utility's affiliated companies**, including its **parent company**, regarding transactions or cost allocations among the utility and such **affiliated companies** ... (Emphasis added)

As stated previously, the information requested is of a personal individual basis, and not of a company and/or business. The disclosure of personal individual financial information would have a chilling effect on future potential acquisitions of troubled water and wastewater utilities in the State of Florida by competent, experienced persons with the technical and financial

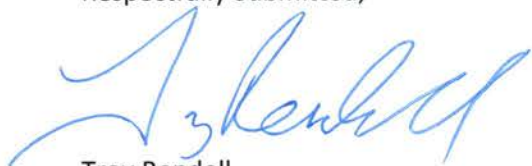
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wherewithal to provide continued quality of service the customers expect and are deserving thereof.

Wherefore, BBWW respectfully requests that the staff requested revised *personal* financial statements of its individual owners be granted confidential classification and treated accordingly.

The personal financial information is enclosed in a sealed red envelope.

Respectfully Submitted,



Troy Rendell
Manager of Regulated Utilities
//For Black Bear Waterworks, Inc.