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DATE: November 3, 2015

- TO: Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
- **FROM:** Bart Fletcher, Chief of Surveillance & Rate Filings, Division of Accounting & Finance
- **RE:** Request for partial release of funds from Escrow Account (Docket No. 110200-WU, Application for increase in water rates in Franklin County by Water Management Services, Inc.)

Pursuant to PAA Order No. PSC-12-0641-PCO-WU, issued December 4, 2012, in the above referenced docket, the Commission granted staff administrative authority to authorize all payments from an established escrow account (hereafter referred to as PAA escrow account) for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) loan as they become due.

On June 12, 2015, the monthly transfer of \$28,568.06 from the PAA escrow account to the DEP escrow account was authorized in accordance with the above-referenced Order and Intercreditor Agreement between Ameris Bank, DEP, and Water Management Services, Inc. (WMSI or Utility). The Utility has requested authorization for the partial release of escrow funds in the amount of \$171,408.35 held at Ameris Bank.

Counsel for WMSI has represented that sufficient funds are available in the DEP escrow account to cover the requested withdrawal. Pursuant to the above-referenced Order, staff recommends the Commission's designated agent in such matters authorize the release of \$171,408.35 from the DEP escrow account at Ameris Bank payable to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the amended terms of the DEP loan agreement.

cc: Andrew Maurey Cheryl Bulecza-Banks Martha Barrera

Attachment



November 2, 2015

<u>E-FILE</u>

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 110200-WU; In re: Application for increase in water rates in Franklin County by Water Management Services, Inc./ Request for Escrow Withdrawal <u>Our File No. 46023.01</u>

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Pursuant to PSC Order No. PSC-12-0641-PCO-WU, Water Management Services, Inc. ("WMSI) requests the Staff provide the Escrow Agent with written authorization to disburse \$171,408.35 from the Escrow Account to make the loan payment to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection due November 15, 2015. There will be sufficient funds in the Escrow Account to make this payment.

Should you or Staff have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin S. Friedman

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN For the Firm

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cc: Mr. Gene Brown (via e-mail) Ms. Sandy Chase (via e-mail) Martha Barrera, Esquire (via e-mail) Erik Sayler, Esquire (via e-mail) Mr. Andrew Maurey (via e-mail)