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Re: Docket No. 20180063-WS – Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Polk County by Orchid Springs Development Corporation

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter in which you expressed concerns regarding the proposed preliminary rate increase determined in the limited proceeding water and wastewater case for Orchid Springs Development Corporation (Orchid Springs). To ensure that the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) and Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your letter and the utility's response has been placed in the correspondence section of the docket file.

We understand your concerns regarding Orchid Springs proposed rate increase. Florida Statutes Chapter 367, require the Commission to fix rates which are just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory. The Commission must allow each utility under its jurisdiction the opportunity to earn a fair return on its investment used and useful in providing utility service. During the case, the Commission's accountants, engineers, and economists examine the utility's financial and engineering information to make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

On November 29th, staff filed a recommendation that address concerns expressed in your letter. A copy can be obtained on our website. The commission will vote on staff recommendation on December 11, 2018. If you have any additional questions, or require assistance, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6435 or email me at tbethea@psc.state.fl.us

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cc: Commission Clerk's Office (Docket No. 20180063-WS)