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December 26, 2019

Mr. Troy Rendell HC Waterworks, Inc. 4939 Cross Bathe Utility Boulevard New Port Richey, Florida 34652 trendell@uswatercorp.net

STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST **VIA EMAIL & US MAIL**

Re: Docket No. 20190166-WS - Application for increase in water rates in Highlands County by HC Waterworks, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rendell:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that HC Waterworks, Inc. (HC or Utility) provide responses to the following data requests:

- 1. Please explain the Utility's methodology for calculating Bad Debt Expense associated with the requested revenue increase.
- 2. Please provide a copy of all contracts associated with Contractual Services Other.
- 3. In MFR Schedule B-7, the Utility stated the increase in Contractual Services Other was due to a revision in the existing contract between HC Waterworks and US Water. The reason for this revision was due to the existing contract not covering the costs of service provided to HC Waterworks. Please provide a breakdown of all work, with associated costs, performed under this contract for the test year ended June 30, 2019.
- 4. In MFR Schedule B-7 the Utility provided an explanation for the increase in Contractual Services - Other. Please provide a more detailed explanation for the increase in Contractual Services – Other from the 2014 prior test year to the test year ended June 30, 2019.
- 5. Please provide documentation to support the difference between total bills and adjusted bills.
- 6. Please provide a list of general service customers by meter size.
- 7. Please explain why the general service 1¹/₂" meter billing analysis has no associated usage.

- 8. Please provide a schedule showing the number of equivalent residential connections (ERCs) by year since taking ownership in 2013.
- 9. Please provide a schedule showing by month and by year the amount of allowance for funds prudently invested (AFPI) collected since taking ownership in 2013.
- 10. Please refer to HC's response to staff's first data request, question 3. Please provide the following information:
 - a. What is meant by "stolen water"?
 - b. What is the Utility doing to prevent this issue?
- 11. Please refer to HC's response to staff's first data request, question 7. Please provide the following information:
 - a. Please explain how the Utility arrived at the value of excessive unaccounted for water for the system.
 - b. Is the value for the excessive unaccounted for water in GPM or GPD?
 - c. Is the Firm Reliable Capacity for the system storage in GPM or GPD?
- 12. Please refer to HC's response to staff's first data request, question 10(k). For the month of June 2019, please verify the average gallons produced per day for Lake Josephine Plant #4.
- 13. Please refer to HC's response to staff's first data request, question 11(a). Was the flush valve that became stuck replaced?
- 14. Please refer to HC's response to staff's first data request, question 12. Please provide a copy of the following bids:
 - a. BJ Enterprises, Inc., and Excavation Point for the Lake Josephine Road Widening Project.
 - b. BJ Enterprise, Inc., Marolf Environmental, and U.S. Water Services for the Lake Josephine Aeration Project.
 - c. BJ Enterprise, Inc., Marolf Environmental, and U.S. Water Services for the Leisure Lakes Aeration Project.

Please file all responses electronically no later than January 27, 2020, at the Commission's website at <u>www.floridapsc.com</u>, by selecting the Clerk's Office and Electronic Filing Web Form. Should the Utility have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (850)413-6836 or email me at Kerri.Johnson@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Kerri Johnson Engineering Specialist

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20190166-WS)