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Mr. Jeff Small
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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20210120-SU – Application for limited alternative rate increase in Brevard County by TKCB, Inc.

Dear Mr. Small:

Staff requires additional information to ensure accurate treatment of your limited alternative rate increase. Please submit the following information for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020 (test year).

1. Noting that a previously unknown backup was discovered leading to approximately 8,000 more gallons of sludge removal in the first half of 2021 (as compared to the test year), please elaborate on the 32,000 gallons of sludge removal estimated to be necessary in the latter half of 2021. (*Reference application pages 8 and 40.*)
2. Does the Utility expect the same level of sludge hauling (52,000 gallons per year) to be required on a yearly basis going forward? If no, what is the estimated gallonage of sludge hauling the Utility expects going forward? (*Reference application page 8.*)
3. The Commission approved chemicals expense of \$511 in the Utility's last rate case and the Utility reported chemicals expenses of \$329 in its 2020 Annual Report. Please explain how the Utility arrived at chemicals expense of \$4,251 in the current docket. What is the estimated chemicals expense the Utility expects going forward? (*Reference application pages 7, 11, and 55*)
4. The Commission approved materials and supplies expense of \$842 in the Utility's last rate case and the Utility reported material and supplies expense of \$2,034 in its 2020 Annual Report. Please explain how the Utility arrived at materials and supplies expense of \$4,684 in the current docket. What is the estimated materials and supplies expense the Utility expects going forward? (*Reference application pages 7 and 29*)

5. Please provide additional information related to the “abrupt change in operator service that occurred” earlier this year. Is the impact of the change limited to the additional expense requested in contractual services-other (Acct. 736), or does it also impact additional O&M accounts? (*Reference application page 2.*)
6. Please explain the “2021 186 Deferred Charges,” which have been included in the total actual/estimate for Account 736, and how the deferred charges were calculated. (*Reference application page 29.*)
7. The following items relate to the Utility’s requested rate case expense.
 - a. For each individual person, in each firm providing consulting services to the applicant pertaining to this docket, provide the billing rate (if different from filing), and an itemized description of work performed. Please provide detail of hours worked associated with each activity and the hourly rate.
 - b. For each firm or consultant providing services, please provide copies of all invoices for services provided to date.
 - c. If consultant invoices are not broken down by hour, please provide a report that details actual duties performed, times associated with those activities, and amount incurred to date.
 - d. Please provide an estimate of costs to complete the case for each consultant or employee, including a description of estimated work to be performed, and detail of the estimated remaining expense to be incurred through the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) process.

Please file response to Staff’s First Data Request with the Office of Commission Clerk no later than **August 2, 2021**. Please include the docket number (20210120-SU) on all filings with the Commission Clerk.

If you have any questions, please contact accounting staff, Tony Casper at 850-413-7015 or email tcasper@psc.state.fl.us, or Christopher Richards at 850-413-6742 or email crichard@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tony Casper

Tony Casper
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cc: Office of the Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20210120-SU)