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DATE:

July 23, 2021

TO:

Dorothy E. Menasco, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counse

RE:

Docket No. 20220122-WS

Please place the attached documents into Docket No. 20210122-WS.

Please contact me at kcowdery@psc.state.fl.us if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Thursday, July 22, 2021 8:53 AM

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SERC Data Request Response (O3318062x9F8AD).docx

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Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:15 PM

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Thanks.

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Please provide me your responses by June 25, 2021 and contact me if you have any concerns regarding this data request.

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#### Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs Data Request to Water and Wastewater Utilities

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#### 25-30.4345, F.A.C.

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Response: Yes cost savings of approximately \$50 - \$60 per filing.

### Rule 25-30.446, F.A.C., Notice of and Public Information for Application for Limited Proceeding Rate Increase.

2. Proposed revisions to Sections (2) and (3) of Rule 25-30.446, F.A.C., require that the notification to the governing body of each municipality and county within the utility's service areas clearly identify the Commission-assigned docket number and state that a copy of the petition and MFRs and application can be accessed on the Commission's website instead of mailing a copy to each municipality in the affected service area. Do you expect any cost savings to your utility with these proposed revisions? If yes, please provide an estimate of the cost savings.

**Response:** Yes cost savings of approximately \$225 per filing.

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3. Sections (1), (4)(w), and (5) of Rule 25-30.565, F.A.C., are being revised to require only one original and one copy of the policy or charges instead of one original and six copies, include only one proposed set of tariff sheets, and eliminate the requirement to place copies of the application and exhibits for public inspection at its local office serving the area affected by the charges. Do you expect any cost savings to your utility with these proposed revisions? If yes, please provide an estimate of the cost savings.

4. Response: Yes cost savings of approximately \$100 - \$150 per filing.

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