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January 12, 2022

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**STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL**

Re: Docket No. 20210182-WU – Application for limited alternative rate increase in Highlands County by Country Walk Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rendell:

Staff requires additional information to complete its review of Country Walk Utilities, Inc.'s (Country Walk or Utility) request for a limited alternative rate increase. Please submit the following information for the test year period of October 1 2020, through September 31, 2021.

1. The Utility reported a property tax bill of \$308.54 for 2020. In 2021, the Utility reported a property tax bill of \$1,850.11. Specifically, the properties under Property Account Number B000000-00040790000 experienced a significant increase in value, and subsequently, property taxes in 2021. If possible, please explain the reason for the large increase in property value. (*Reference Attachment A; Country Walk's Comparison chart and the Highlands County Tax Bills of the application.*)
2. The Utility reported a 2020 year-end balance of \$250 for miscellaneous expenses in Account No. 675. Please explain how the Utility arrived at a miscellaneous expense balance of \$1,250 for the test period ended September 30, 2021. Please list the specific expenses that comprised the \$1,250 miscellaneous expense balance. (*Reference Attachment A; Country Walk's Comparison chart of application.*)
3. The contractual services-other expense balance increased by \$3,225 from the amount the Commission approved in the Utility's last SARC. Please explain the reason for the increase in the contractual services-other expense balance. (*Reference Attachment A; Country Walk's Comparison chart of the application.*)

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Please file the response to Staff's First Data Request with the Office of Commission Clerk no later than **February 2, 2022**. Please include the docket number (20210182-WU) on all filings with the Commission Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact accounting staff, Kaleb Mathis at (850) 413-6447 or email kmathis@psc.state.fl.us, or Dale Buys at (850) 413-6536 or email dbuys@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "s/Emily Knoblauch".

Emily Knoblauch
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Florida Public Service Commission

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20210182-WU)