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Michael Smallridge
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STAFF'S THIRD DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20220026-WU -Application for staff-assisted rate case in Marion County, and request for interim rate increase, by Leighton Estates Utilities, LLC.

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

Staff has reviewed the responses to the first and second data request and some additional questions. Please provide responses to the following questions by August 9, 2022. The response should be addressed to the Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. Please include the Docket number on the response.

Meter Replacement Program

1. Please explain the reason why the Utility is requesting to replace or retrofit all meters with AMI meters.
2. The Utility submitted one bid from Badger Meter which included the costs of an AMI meter reading software (Beacon Software), two different new meter options, and meter retrofits.
 - a. Please provide the additional bids the Utility received for its requested meter replacement program (software and meters). If no additional bids were sought, please explain why.
 - b. The Utility is requesting to amortize the cost of this program amongst other Florida Utility Service 1, LLC (FUS1) systems. Will the Beacon Software solely be used for Leighton Estates or will the software be utilized for other FUS1 systems? If so, please identify which other systems will utilized the software.
 - c. The Utility requested to retrofit 42 meters and install 40 new meters. Please explain how the Utility decided between retrofitting some of its meters rather than replacing them with a new meter?

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- d. In its amortization schedule the Utility indicated that Leighton Estates has 77 customers. If the Utility has 77 customers, please explain why a total of 82 meters are being requested?
- e. Is there a monthly fee for the use of the Beacon Software?

Used and Useful

1. In response to staff's first data request the Utility provided a map indicating the lots within its service territory and stated that the service territory is built-out (Document No. 03603-2022). While the Utility stated in its application that it serves 80 customers, the map indicates that there are substantially more lots within the service territory that could be served.
 - a. Please re-submit the map previously provided to staff indicating which exact lots are currently served by the Utility. As part of your response, please indicate the total number of lots within the service territory that are occupied but are not currently receiving service from the Utility and why.

Please explain why the service area is built-out if there are additional lots within the service territory that are occupied and could be served by the Utility?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terence Bethea', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Terence Bethea
Public Utility Analyst III