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August 29, 2022

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VIA EMAIL

**Re: Docket No. 20220139-WU -- Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lee County, and request for interim rate increase, by BE Utility Systems, L.L.C. d/b/a Buccaneer Water Service.**

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Staff has completed its review and has determined that BE Utility Systems, L.L.C., d/b/a Buccaneer Water Service (Buccaneer or Utility) is eligible for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC). The filing fee for this rate case is \$1,000 based on the capacity of the Utility's system as provided by Section 367.145(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Rule 25-30.020(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The filing fee was received with the application. The official filing date for this rate case is September 28, 2022.

Please forward a copy of the Utility's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Lee County. This is required by Section 367.091(2), F.S., which states:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding, and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please file an affidavit stating that this requirement has been fulfilled. The affidavit should be sent to the address below. Please include the docket number (20220139-WU).

Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Please be aware that the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) is an available resource that assists both small and large water and wastewater systems with all phases of water and wastewater operations. The FRWA is a nonprofit, non-regulatory professional association. For more information, you may visit the FRWA's website at [www.frwa.net](http://www.frwa.net) or call (850) 668-2746. If you have any questions regarding the proceeding, please contact Damian Kistner by phone at (850) 413-6858 or by email at [dkistner@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:dkistner@psc.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

*s/Tom Ballinger*

Tom Ballinger, Director  
Division of Engineering

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20220139-WU)

Mr. Gary Williams, Executive Director at FRWA ([Gary.Williams@frwa.net](mailto:Gary.Williams@frwa.net))