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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST 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:

For the engineering portion of this rate case, staff requires several items to be completed to ensure fast and expedient treatment of your staff-assisted rate case. Please submit the following information for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, (test year).

1. Purchased Water: All utility related bills from the beginning of the test year to present which include meter number and location, gallons used, dollars paid, and the Utility's account numbers.
2. Purchased Power: All utility related electricity bills from the beginning of the test year to present, which include meter number and location, kilowatts used, dollars paid, and the electric company's account numbers.
3. Chemicals: A list of all chemicals used in the treatment of water, amounts purchased, quantity purchased, unit prices paid and dosage rates utilized.
4. Contractual Services – Testing: A list of tests along with costs paid to outside laboratories for testing the water treatment during the test year.
5. Contractual Services – Other: The costs of operation and maintenance work not performed by utility employees with an explanation of the type of work performed. These costs include the operator's fee, mowing and grounds keeping and contracted repair for the water system.

6. Transportation Expenses: A schedule of all vehicles by serial number and description owned or leased by the utility, original cost or lease documents, whom the vehicles are assigned to, and an explanation of how they are allocated to the utility, or a copy of the log book showing miles on personal vehicles associated with utility business. All vehicles are to be available for inspection.
7. Copies of your most recent Primary and Secondary Water Quality test results.
8. Copies of monthly operation reports for water from June 30, 2022 (test year) which includes: total water purchased or pumped, total wash water, total of each chemical in points, chemical dosages rates (average).
9. Copy of monthly totals of metered water sold for each month of the test year.
10. A written summary, by permit number, of all Department of Environmental Protection, Water Management District, and/or County Health Department permits.
11. If any plant addition has been made or will be required due to a written order from a governmental agency, please provide a copy of that order.
12. A list of all service complaints received during the test year and four years prior to the test year. Please include an explanation of how each complaint was resolved.
13. A listing of all assets owned by the utility.

Example: 200' – 8" PVC (Sewer)
250' – 6" PVC Pipe (Water)
50' – 6" PVC Fire Hydrants (Water)
14. Number of customers classified as to meter size and class (commercial or residential) for the following points in time:
 - a) A minimum of 4 years prior to the beginning of the test (or calendar last) year.
 - b) The beginning of the last calendar year.
 - c) The end of the last calendar year.
 - d) Present.
15. Please provide a copy of the Utility's engineering maps for water showing location and size of water mains throughout the service area and customer location and classification.
16. Please fill out the spreadsheet attached concerning any pro forma items. Please include any bid proposals or estimates for the pro forma items. If less than three bid proposals were received for each pro forma item, please explain why.

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In addition to the above, please provide responses to the following questions.

17. On Schedule W-1 of the 2021 Annual Report, there is an addition to meters listed at \$331,734. Does this amount account for the replacement of all meters? If not, how many meters does this account for? Please provide all supporting documentation (e.g., invoices, contracts, etc.) for the \$331,734 addition.
18. On Schedule W-4 of the 2021 Annual Report, there is approximately 30.2 million gallons of water purchased and only 23.6 million gallons of water sold. This means that around 22 percent of the water is unaccounted for. Due to the installation of the meters, has the amount of water sold to customers increased this year through July 2022 compared to the same period in 2021? Please provide the monthly gallons of water purchased and sold from January of 2022 to July of 2022.

Please file the response to Staff's First Data Request with the Office of Commission Clerk no later than **October 10, 2022**, and include the docket number (20220139-WU) on all filings. Please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6858 or by email dkistner@psc.state.fl.us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Damian Kistner

Damian Kistner
Engineering Specialist

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Enclosure

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

