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DATE: June 1, 2023

TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Shannon J. Hudson, Economic Supervisor, Division of Economics *SH*

RE: Docket No. 20220185-WS –Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

On November 4, 2022, the utilities in the instant docket filed an application for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) and at that time Leighton Estates Utilities, LLC (Leighton or utility) was not included. On January 13, 2023, Leighton was added to the docket. On January 26, 2023, the filing fee of \$13,500 was paid of which \$500 was for Leighton. Subsequent to paying the filing fee, the 2021 financial information was updated to 2022 financial information and was filed on April 14, 2023. Based on 2022 financial information filed for Leighton, it appears that the utility may overearn and is not eligible for a LARI. As a result, staff did not perform any calculations or further analysis. Therefore, on May 4, 2023, Leighton withdrew from this docket and requested a refund of its filing fee.

Rule 25-30.020(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code, details the filing fee to be paid for any request for a rate change pursuant to Sections 367.081, 367.0814, and 367.0822, Florida Statutes. The fees are based upon the utility's existing capacity to serve. A filing fee of \$500 was paid for Leighton. Based on the above, the Division of Economics requests that the filing fee for Leighton of \$500 should be refunded.

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