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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20230117-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by Sun Communities Acquisitions LLC d/b/a Buttonwood Bay Utilities.

Dear Mr. Deterding:

Staff has completed its review and has determined that Sun Communities Acquisitions LLC d/b/a Buttonwood Bay Utilities (Buttonwood Bay or Utility) is eligible for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC). The filing fee for this rate case is \$2,000 based on the capacity of the Utility's water and wastewater systems 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 must be received by **Friday, December 15, 2023**, which is the official filing date for this rate case. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.455(7), F.A.C., the Commission will deny the application if a Utility does not remit the filing fee within 30 days after official acceptance.

Please forward a copy of the Utility's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands 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 (20230117-WS).

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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 or call (850) 668-2746. If you have any questions regarding the proceeding, please contact Emily Knoblauch by phone at (850) 413-6632 or by email at eknoblau@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Ballinger

Tom Ballinger, Director
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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230117-WS)
Mr. Gary Williams, Executive Director at FRWA (Gary.Williams@frwa.net)