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Mr. Michael Smallridge
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STAFF'S NINTH DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20230071-WU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Pinecrest Utilities, LLC.

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

Staff requires additional information to ensure accurate accounting of Pinecrest Utility, LLC's (Utility) staff-assisted rate case.

1. Please refer to the Pumping and Purchased Water Statistics tables in the Utility's 2013 through 2022 Annual Reports. It appears water sold has declined slightly over the period, with the last five years (2018-2022) averaging 92.8 percent of 2013 gallons sold, compared to the prior five years (2013-2017) averaging 101.1 percent of 2013 gallons sold. However, gallons pumped appear to have increased over the period, with the last five years (2018-2022) averaging 209.1 percent of 2013 gallons pumped, compared to the prior five years (2013-2017) averaging 109.4 percent of 2013 gallons pumped. Similarly, accounted for losses through flushing appear to have increased to an average of 55.5 percent of water pumped within the last five-year period (2018-2022), up from the prior five-year period (2013-2017) average of 2.5 percent of water pumped.
 - a. Please verify if the values above are accurate, and if not, provide corrected values.
 - b. If the reason for the increase in gallons pumped versus the gallons sold in the last five-year period is known, please explain why. As part of this explanation, please describe what efforts, if any, the Utility took to identify the cause of this increase, what solutions, if any, the Utility plans to or has implemented to address the differential, and if applicable, what solutions developed were not deemed economically feasible.
 - c. If the reason for the increase in gallons pumped versus the gallons sold in the last five-year period is unknown, please explain whether the Utility has investigated

the increase, and what the results of that investigation were. If the Utility has not investigated, please explain why not.

- d. Please explain what changes in Recorded Accounted for Line Flushing, Etc. (column (c) of the Utility's Annual Reports) have occurred over the last five-year period (2018-2022) compared to the prior five-year period (2013-2017). As part of this explanation, discuss what caused this increase, and what efforts, if any, the Utility has taken to reduce or control the rate of growth of water usage in this area.
2. Please refer to the Utility's response to Staff's Fifth Data Request, No. 2(a), and the Utility's Supplemental Response to Staff's Seventh Data Request.^{1,2} Please provide flushing calculations for the Star Terrace 1" blow off valve in the format provided in the Utility's Supplemental Response to Staff's Seventh Data Request.

Please file response to Staff's Ninth Data Request with the Office of the Commission Clerk no later than **February 28, 2024**. Please include the docket number (20230071-WU) on all filings with the Commission Clerk.

If you have any questions, please contact Takira Thompson at (850) 413-6592, or email tthomps@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher R. Richards

Christopher R. Richards
Public Utility Analyst III

cc: Office of the Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230071-WU)

¹Document No. 00267-2024, filed on January 22, 2024.

²Document No. 00757-2024, filed on February 19, 2024.