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August 26, 2024

Mr. Michael Smallridge
West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC
5911 Trouble Creek Road
New Port Richey, FL 34652
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20240105-SU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, by West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

Staff has completed its initial review of your application and has determined that West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC 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 systems as provided by Section 367.145(2), Florida Statutes and Rule 25-30.020(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The filing fee must be received by **Wednesday, September 25, 2024**, which would be 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 the utility does not remit the filing fee within 30 days after official acceptance.**

Please forward a copy of West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Polk County as required by Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes (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 intervener status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please file an affidavit stating that this requirement has been fulfilled. The affidavit and filing fee should be sent to the address below. Please include the docket number on all submissions to the Commission Clerk.

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

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the Utility's books, records, and other items as needed.

Lastly, 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 Ailyn Ramirez-Abundez by phone at (850) 413-6974 or email at aramirez@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

s/ Laura King

Laura King
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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20240105-SU)
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