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Public Service Commission

January 6, 2025

Mr. Troy Rendell Country Walk Utilities, Inc. 4939 Cross Bayou Boulevard New Port Richey, Florida, 34652 trendell@uswatercorp.net

Re: Docket No. 20240168-WU- Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by Country Walk Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rendell:

Staff has completed its initial review of your application and has determined that Country Walk Utilities, Inc. (Country Walk or Utility) 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 system as provided by Section 367.145(2), Florida Statues (F.S.) and Rule 25-30.020(2)(t), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The filing fee must be received by **February 5, 2025**, which will 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 a Utility does not remit the filing fee within 30 days after official acceptance.

Please forward a copy of Country Walk's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County as 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 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 on the following page. Please include the docket number (20240168-WU) on all filings with the Commission Clerk.

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Members of the Commission staff will contact you concerning examination of the Utility's books and records.

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, please visit the FRWA's website at <u>www.frwa.net</u> or call (850) 668-2746. If you have any questions regarding the rate preceding, please call Jared Folkman at (850) 413-7017 or email <u>jfolkman@psc.state.fl.us</u>.

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cc: Office Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20240168-WU) Gary Williams, FRWA (gary.williams@frwa.net)