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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

I am writing to you on behalf of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") to advise the Commission that the Hammond Water District ("HWD") has increased its water charge for bulk service rendered to USSC. The effect of this increase is shown on the attached schedule.

The increase in this charge will affect USSC's customers in the Dobbins Estates, Edgebrook, Hill and Dale, Lakewood, Oakwood Estates and Town Creek Subdivisions in Anderson County as a result of the pass-through provisions contained in USSC's rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22 in the above-referenced docket.[1]

USSC received no notice from HWD of this increase, either separately or by way of insert or other language contained in the bills provided by it to USSC. USSC has **not** passed this increased bulk rate through to its customers in the affected subdivisions and seeks hereby only permission to pass-through this increased bulk rate **prospectively**. Accordingly, USSC requests that the Commission accept this letter as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22 and approve an increase in the pass-through to affected customers in accordance with the attached schedule.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff of this correspondence. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

[1]The same provision is contained in the rate schedule proposed by USSC in Docket No. 2007-286-WS, which has been placed into effect under bond pursuant to Commission Order No. 2008-269.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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s/John M. S. Hoefer

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Enclosures

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