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Re: SPU v. Sorrells – Notice of Compliance and Demand for Determination of Water Rate

Dear Mark:

We are writing this letter as notice of Donald Sorrells's compliance with Commission rules as identified in the Reply Comments of the Commission Staff dated May 12, 2022 ("the Comments"). As explained in the Comments, SPU is not authorized to terminate water services as long as the following steps are taken: (1) Mr. Sorrells's lock is removed from the water meter; (2) SPU regains unimpeded access to the water meter; (3) all known leaks are fixed; and (4) Mr. Sorrells's account is paid up to date. All steps have been satisfied. Mr. Sorrells has removed the lock from the water meter, SPU may access the meter as defined under the Comments, all leaks have been repaired, and the account is paid up to date. Where the steps are satisfied, we believe the Commission has supported a finding that SPU is not authorized to terminate water services at this time.

Additionally, as per the Comments, a proper water rate must be established to bill for "excessive use." To date, none of the invoices received by Mr. Sorrells have identified the base water rate to calculate usage or, by extension, excessive use of water services. Thus, we ask that SPU provide the water rate on all invoices moving forward, as well as provide the supporting documents, measurements, and other materials used to determine the water rate upon which previous determinations of "excessive use" were billed.

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In light of the foregoing, we believe that this matter has been resolved with regard to water services. Please advise as to your client's plans to establish a proper water rate and provide amended invoices demonstrating usage against such rate.

If you have any questions of concerns, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

Paul B. Rippel

cc: Donald Sorrells

Commission Secretary