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 An act relating to water and wastewater utilities; amending s. 367.0814, F.S.; revising provisions for Florida Public Service Commission staff assistance in changing rates and charges for water and wastewater utilities; providing for periodic adjustment of the gross annual revenue level established by the commission for such purposes; requiring the commission to periodically submit a report to the Legislature; specifying report requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 367.0814, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

367.0814 Staff assistance in changing rates and charges; interim rates.--

- (1) The commission may establish rules by which a water or wastewater utility whose gross annual revenues are $\frac{$250,000}{$150,000}$ or less may request and obtain staff assistance for the purpose of changing its rates and charges. A utility may request staff assistance by filing an application with the commission. The gross annual revenue level shall be adjusted on July 1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, based on the most recent cumulative 5 years of the price index established by the commission pursuant to s. 367.081(4)(a).
- (10) The commission shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January

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1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, a report of the status of proceedings conducted under this section, including the number of utilities eligible to request staff assistance, the number of proceedings conducted annually for the most recent 5-year period, the associated impact on commission resources, and any other information the commission deems appropriate.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.