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Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics
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Memo

To: Michael Murawski, independent ethics advocate
From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator
Date: Aug. 17, 2011
Re: K11-091 Douglas Pile RQO

At the request of the Advocate a case was opened June 12, 2011, to determine whether Mr. Pile – an attorney with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department – had complied with the terms of his requests for opinion, issued originally in 2009 and renewed this past June after Mr. Pile was reassigned to a new post within the agency. A review by this investigator has found that Mr. Pile has in timely fashion filed his quarterly disclosures regarding his outside consulting services to the agency's Intergovernmental Affairs section. The review also found that Mr. Pile filed the corresponding Outside Employment Statements for 2009 and 2010. (Mr. Pile was advised that his 2010 statement was turned into the Miami-Dade elections department after the July 1 deadline, but it was determined that Mr. Pile was otherwise in compliance.) This investigator spoke to Mr. Pile regarding his 2010 form, and he advised that the clients he reported in his quarterly reports for 2010 were not billed and that he received no outside income in connection with these activities.

The findings available to this investigator suggest that Mr. Pile is substantially in compliance with the requirements of the COE advisory opinions and that no further action is required by the Office of the Independent Advocate at this time.