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November 20, 2002

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

Re: Docket No.: 020413-SU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc. I am enclosing the original and 15 copies of the following:

Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc.'s Response to Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s Motion to Compel and Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc.'s Motion for Protective Order

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and pleading by returning the same. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

Joseph A. McGlothlin

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings

Against Aloha Utilities, Inc. in Pasco

County for failure to charge approved

Service availability charges, in violation

Of Order No. PSC-01-0326-FOF-SU and

Section 367.091, Florida Statutes

Docket No. 020413-SU

Filed: November 20, 2002

RESPONSE OF ADAM SMITH ENTERPRISES, INC. TO ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL AND ADAM SMITH'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.206, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 1.280(c), Florida

Rules of Civil Procedure, Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc. (Adam Smith) files its Response to

Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s (Aloha) Motion to Compel and also submits its Motion for Protective

Order. Adam Smith requests the Commission to enter an appropriate order denying Aloha's

Motion to Compel and ruling that Adam Smith is not required to provide the answers and

information sought by the discovery requests that are the subject of the Motion to Compel. In

support, Adam Smith states:

1. On November 8, 2002, Aloha file its Motion to Compel Answers to

Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents. In the motion, Aloha asks the

Commission to require Adam Smith to provide answers to certain interrogatories and a related

request for documents to which Adam Smith objected. For the following reasons, Aloha's

motion must be denied.

2. Aloha's Motion to Compel relates to Interrogatories nos. 4 and 5, and the related

First Request to Produce. The text of the interrogatories and of Adam Smith's objections

follows.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 4: For each of the lots which Adam Smith alleges in its Petition for Formal Hearing were sold and the title transferred to other entities prior to connection to Aloha's wastewater system during the period May 23, 2001 through April 16, 2002, please provide the following information:

- a. The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if available, of each lot.
- b. The entity to which each lot was sold and to whom title was transferred and its affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.
- c. The price at which each lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot.
- d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred if not at the time of sale.
- e. The amount of service availability charges paid, if any, by Adam Smith to Aloha for each lot.

**OBJECTION:** Adam Smith objects to Interrogatory 4(c) on the following grounds:

- a. The price at which each lot sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot is irrelevant to any issue in this case, and further is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. While this consideration is dispositive, Adam Smith also objects as follows:
- b. The information sought in Interrogatory 4(c) constitutes confidential proprietary business information that Aloha does not need in order to prepare its case.
- c. The information sought in interrogatory 4(c) is so irrelevant and so sensitive as to render the Interrogatory oppressive and harassing in nature.
  - d. The request is unduly burdensome.

Adam Smith further objects to Interrogatory 4 on the basis that the Interrogatory requests information that Adam Smith cannot provide unless and until Adam Smith receives a new, verified list of connected lots from Aloha. Once Adam Smith sells a lot and transfers title to a builder or homeowner, it is up to the builder or homeowner to then arrange with Aloha to pull a meter and connect to the system. Therefore, the information which is necessary to answer this interrogatory accurately and completely, is in the possession of Aloha, not Adam Smith.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Has Adam Smith sold lots and transferred title to other entities from April 16, 2002, to date? If so, please provide the following information regarding those lots:

- a. The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if available, of each lot.
- b. The entity to which each lot was sold and to whom title was transferred and it affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.
- c. The price at which each lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot.

- d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred it not at the time of sale.
- e. Whether each lot was connected to Aloha's water and wastewater systems prior to sale, and if so, the amount of service availability charges paid to Aloha for each lot by Adam Smith.

**OBJECTION:** Adam Smith objects to Interrogatory 5(c) on the following grounds:

- a. The price at which each lot sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot is irrelevant to any issue in this case, and further is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- b. The information sought in Interrogatory 5(c) constitutes confidential proprietary business information.
- c. The information sought in interrogatory 5(c) is so irrelevant and so sensitive as to render the Interrogatory oppressive and harassing in nature.
  - d. The request is unduly burdensome.

Adam Smith further objects to Interrogatory 5 on the basis that the Interrogatory requests information that Adam Smith cannot provide unless and until Adam Smith receives a new, verified list of connected lots from Aloha. Once Adam Smith sells a lot and transfer title to a builder or homeowner, it is up to the builder or homeowner to then arrange with Aloha to pull a meter and connect to the system. Therefore, the information which is necessary to answer this interrogatory accurately and completely, is in the possession of Aloha, not Adam Smith.

Further, Adam Smith interprets Interrogatory 5 as relating to lots sold by Adam Smith within Aloha's service area. If the intent is to refer to all of Adam Smith's operations, then Adam Smith objects to Interrogatory 5 on the basis that is overbroad, and seeks information that is neither relevant to any issue in the case nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

#### ARGUMENT

Adam Smith will address Interrogatories Nos. 4 and 5 and the related Request to Produce together.

First of all, the interrogatories relate to the fact that Adam Smith has sold and transferred title to many lots to which Aloha seeks to apply the increased service availability charge of \$1650 per ERC. At page 4 of its motion Aloha states, "It is Adam Smith's contention that for lots sold whose title was transferred to other entities from May 23, 201 until April 16, 2002 prior to connection, the new owner of the lot, not Adam Smith is responsible for any increased service

availability charges." Interestingly, in its motion Aloha refers to the statement as Adam Smith's "contention," without indicating whether it agrees or disagrees with the proposition; however, it is incontrovertible that a property owner's liability for service availability charges—regardless of other circumstances, such as the illegality of efforts to collect additional service availability charges—ceases with the ownership of the property. <sup>1</sup>

In Interrogatory No. 4, Aloha asked Adam Smith for information related to lots that Adam Smith transferred *prior to connection to Aloha's wastewater system* between May 23, 2001 and April 16, 2002. The interrogatory states:

For the (sic) each of the lots which Adam Smith alleges in its Petition for Formal Hearing were sold and the title transferred to other entities *prior to connection to Aloha's wastewater system* during the period May 23, 2001 through April 16, 2002... (emphasis supplied)

Adam Smith sells lots to homebuilders and individuals. After closing on their transactions with Adam Smith and after Adam Smith is out of the picture, the new owners arrange with Aloha for the connection to Aloha's system. Adam Smith does not arrange for those connections. Adam Smith does not control whether or when the entity that purchases the lot from Adam Smith contacts Aloha to arrange for the connection. Adam Smith does not know whether or when the owner of the lot purchased from Adam Smith makes those arrangements with Aloha. However, obviously Aloha knows which lots are connected to its system and when they were connected. For obvious reasons, then, Adam Smith informed Aloha that Adam Smith would require from Aloha a list of connected lots before Adam Smith could identify those lots — connected to Aloha's system and therefore the subject of the interrogatories — which Adam Smith transferred,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be precise, Adam Smith asserts that no increase in service availability charges may be collected with respect to the period May 23, 2001-April 16, 2002 because Aloha failed to submit a conforming tariff as required and failed to provide notice to developers as required, but that *in any event* Aloha's flawed proposition is not even applicable to lots that were transferred by Adam Smith to another entity.

and therefore no longer owned, during the period May 23, 2001 through April 16, 2002. As stated in its objections, Aloha provided a list to Adam Smith; based on that list, Adam Smith indicated certain lots which Adam Smith transferred during the period identified in the interrogatory (and provided available, related information). The answers are attached as Attachment A. (As stated in Adam Smith's objections, Adam Smith identified errors in the list that Aloha furnished.)

At page 4 of the motion, Aloha states: "Aloha's request is. . .limited to only those lots located within its service territory sold by Adam Smith during an 11 month period." This statement mischaracterizes the interrogatory. Interrogatory 4 does not request "lots. . .sold. . .during an 11 month period." More precisely, the interrogatory seeks information regarding lots that were *connected* to Aloha's system during that period. Again, Aloha, not Adam Smith, possesses the information regarding which lots were *connected*. Inasmuch as Aloha responded by providing a list (albeit one with errors), apparently Aloha understood this at some point prior to having served its interrogatories.

In its motion, Aloha states that in Interrogatory 5 Aloha is ". . . requesting the same information as requested in Interrogatory 4 for lots sold from April 16, 2002 to date." Accordingly, Adam Smith requires from Aloha a list of lots that were connected to Aloha's system before Adam Smith can identify which of those lots were sold by Adam Smith during the period in question. Again, Adam Smith has provided a list based on the information that it received from Aloha. (See Attachment A) In its answer to 4 and 5, Adam Smith has provided the information that is relevant and within Adam Smith's ability to provide. Any additional requirements would be unduly burdensome and/or beyond the scope of permissible discovery.

In subsection (c) of Interrogatories 4 and 5, Aloha absurdly and incredibly asks for "the price at which each lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot." In the related Request to Produce, Aloha demands the "workpapers supporting the answers" to subparts dealing with prices, profits and losses. The spectacle of a regulated utility seeking information regarding the selling prices, "profits" and/or "losses" of a private business that it serves should be sufficient, in and of itself, to cause the Prehearing Officer to ask, "What is wrong with this picture?" And, indeed, something is very wrong.

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In its motion, Aloha first attempts to justify the request for Adam Smith's "prices," "profits" and "losses" per lot by mischaracterizing Adam Smith's position in the case. Aloha says, "Adam Smith has indicated that backbilling for the time period of May 23, 2001 to April 16, 2002 is inappropriate since Adam Smith is unable to recover the increased service availability charges from the purchasers of lots sold during that time period." More accurately, Adam Smith asserts that Aloha cannot apply to Adam Smith the higher service availability charge retroactively because (1) the requirement in Order No. PSC-01-0326-FOF-SU that Aloha first place a conforming tariff into effect was a legal condition precedent which Aloha failed to accomplish (for which violation Aloha is now the subject of an order to show cause); (2) the requirement in the order that Aloha first provide notice in writing to developers before implementing the increased service availability charge was a separate legal condition precedent that Aloha failed to accomplish; and (3) the term "backbilling" implicitly and by definition assumes the existence of an approved and valid tariff that has met the requirements of filing, approval, and notice, but which was not applied correctly after having been properly filed and noticed. Because there was no conforming and approved tariff in place authorizing the higher service availability charge in question during the period May 23, 2001-April 16, 2002, the "backbilling" rule is inapplicable to the situation. The fact that Adam Smith would not be able to collect the differential in service availability charges explains the *impact* on Adam Smith of the illegal attempt to apply the new service availability charge retroactively on Adam Smith, and illustrates the fallacy of any rationale that purports to dismiss the significance of the legal requirements, but the primary basis for Adam Smith's contention is the failure of Aloha to either file a conforming tariff or provide written notice to affected developers as required by Order No. PSC-01-0326-FOF-SU.<sup>2</sup>

At page 6 of its motion, Aloha states,

"Information regarding profit or loss is also relevant to the financial impact of the service availability backbilling on Adam Smith -- an adverse affect (sic) which Adam Smith has raised in this proceeding. Once economic impact is put at issue by Adam Smith, Aloha is entitled to discover the information necessary to quantify that impact, if any actually exists."

That Adam Smith would have no ability to recover the difference in the amounts of service availability fees following the closing of transactions with purchasers is incontrovertible. Therefore, to "quantify" the economic impact of collecting additional service availability charges on Adam Smith, it is necessary only to calculate the difference between the service availability charge in effect during the period May 2001-April 2002 and multiply by the number of lots to which Aloha (improperly) attempts to apply the differential.

Equally as important, Aloha's entire premise is fatally flawed. At page 6, Aloha states:

"To the extent that Adam Smith sold lots after April 16, 2002 at the same price as those sold from May 23, 2001 until April 16, 2002, it would be reasonable to conclude that the sales price was set by the market and that Adam Smith would not have been able to "pass along" the increased service availability charges, notice of the increased service availability charges would have had no practical impact."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adam Smith protested the order of the Commission that purported to authorize Aloha to collect additional service availability charges for the period May 23, 2001 through April 16, 2002; as a result, that portion of the order became a nullity, and the issue is before the Commission in a *de novo* proceeding.

To provide some context before addressing Aloha's strained logic, the notice requirement that Aloha seeks to belittle as insignificant is the same notice requirement that the Commission imposed in Rule 25-30.4345, Rule 25-30.565, and in Order No. PSC-01-0326-FOF-SU. Next, Aloha's argument depends, improperly, on rank speculation. More importantly, disregarding for a moment the speculation inherent in Aloha's rationale, the sales prices of the lots *do not include the service availability charges*. Instead, as Adam Smith has delineated earlier, the service availability charge is one of several impact fees that are identified and collected as line item closing costs on the closing statement separate and apart from the sales price. Attached hereto as Attachment B are examples of closing statements that illustrate this point. The fact that the service availability fees are treated with other impact fees on a pass-through basis effectively renders Aloha's entire "construct" without foundation.

Adam Smith has demonstrated that the information sought is irrelevant and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. While this consideration is dispositive, Adam Smith also asserts that the interrogatory and the related request to produce workpapers are unduly burdensome. In an effort to demonstrate otherwise, Aloha makes mistakes and misstatements that reveal a fundamental lack of understanding of a developer's business. First, Aloha asserts, mistakenly, that Adam Smith and other developers are required to track the items sought by Aloha in order to calculate capital gains for federal income tax purposes. Aloha is wrong. As Mr. David S. Ford, Secretary/Treasurer of Adam Smith, states in his affidavit (Attachment C), developers are not allowed to claim capital gains; Adam Smith's lots are treated as "inventory."

Aloha misses the more significant target by even a wider margin. Aloha argues that the availability of computerized data would render its request less than burdensome. In his affidavit,

Mr. Ford demonstrates otherwise. Mr. Ford states that Adam Smith is developing a Development of Regional Impact ("DRI") that consists of several different subdivisions and over 5,000 individual units. In the course of developing the DRI, Adam Smith expends large amounts of funds on required off-site improvements (such as roads), the cost of which would have to be allocated to the lots to arrive at a profit or loss on a per lot basis, and the full cost of which cannot be known (because of the ongoing nature of DRI development activities) until the DRI has been fully completed. Mr. Ford states that Adam Smith has no business need to attempt to estimate "per lot" calculations of "profits" and "losses" on an ongoing basis and does not do so. He also explains that, contrary to the erroneous premise underlying Aloha's argument, any attempt to make such estimates would not be based merely on "computerized" data, but would necessitate numerous and complicated subjective allocations requiring many man-days to produce. Mr. Ford also states that Adam Smith regards the type of information sought by Aloha in 4(c) and 5(c) as confidential and proprietary and treats it as such. Given the fact that the exercise sought by Aloha would be (a) totally irrelevant; (b) impossible to accomplish in a meaningful way due to the fact that costs are neither fully known or final; (c) burdensome in the extreme; and (d) would intrude, without reason, on sensitive commercial data, the request is harassing and oppressive in its effect. Adam Smith asks for a protective order ruling that Adam Smith is not required to undertake this onerous and valueless exercise.

#### CONCLUSION

A review of Adam Smith's answers to Aloha's discovery requests will demonstrate that Adam Smith has responded responsibly and cooperatively to Aloha's legitimate discovery requests. (Attached A). The requests that are the subject of the Motion to Compel, exceed the bounds of proper discovery, would intrude needlessly on sensitive commercial data, and would

be unduly burdensome and oppressive. The Commission should enter an order denying Aloha's Motion to Compel ruling that Adam Smith is not required to respond further to Interrogatories 4, 5 and the First Request to Produce.

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Docket No. 020413-SU

ADAM SMITH ENTERPRISES, INC.'S RESPONSE TO
ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 1-7)

Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc. (Adam Smith), pursuant to Rule 28-106.206, Florida

Administrative Code and Rules 1.340 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby

provides the following Responses to Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-7).

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: For the period from May 23, 2001, until April 16, 2002,

please provide the total amount of all water and wastewater service availability fees paid to

Aloha Utilities, Inc. by date and location (subdivision and lot number, tax identification number,

or street address) by Adam smith or one of its affiliated companies. If the service availability

fees were paid by an affiliated company, please identify that company.

ANSWER:

None.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: For the period from May 23, 2001 until April 16, 2002,

please provide the total number of lots, identified by subdivision and lot number, tax

identification number or street address, owned by Adam Smith and its affiliated companies that

were connected to Aloha's water and wastewater system.

ANSWER:

None.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

For the time period from April 16, 2001 to date, please

provide the total number of lots, identified by subdivision and lot number, tax identification

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Attachment A

number or street address, owned by Adam Smith and its affiliated companies that were connected to Aloha's water and wastewater systems.

RESPONSE: None.

**INTERROGATORY NO. 4:** For the each of the lots which Adam Smith alleges in its Petition for Formal Hearing were sold and the title transferred to other entities prior to connection to Aloha's wastewater system during the period May 23, 2001 through April 16. 2002, please provide the following information:

- The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if available, of each lot.
- The entity to which each lot was sold and to whom title was transferred and its b. affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.
  - The price at which each lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot. C.
- d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred if not at the time of sale.
- The amount of service availability charges paid, if any, by Adam Smith to Aloha for each lot.

RESPONSE: Adam Smith has objected to Interrogatory 4(b), (c) and (d). Adam Smith has further objected to Interrogatory 4 on the basis Adam Smith requires a correct list of lots from Aloha before it can accurately identify, from the list of lots to which Aloha proposes to apply the inappropriate surcharge of \$1650 per ERC, those lots that Adam Smith sold and transferred ownership to others prior to connection. Notwithstanding its objections, and without waiving its objections, Adam Smith has identified from the information supplied by Aloha thus far numerous lots which fall into this category, and for which Adam Smith is no longer liable for service availability charges. The lots are identified in Attachment A to this answer. Adam Smith reserves the right to identify more lots for which it is not liable, by virtue of having transferred ownership, when more complete and accurate information has been provided by Aloha. (Adam Smith notes that the County does not assign a street address until a building permit has been issued. Accordingly, in many instances street addresses are unavailable.)

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Has Adam Smith sold lots and transferred title to other entities from April 16, 2002, to date? If so, please provide the following information regarding those lots:

- a. The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if available, of each lot.
- b. The entity to which each lot was sold and to whom title was transferred and it affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.
  - c. The price at which each lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot.
- d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred it not at the time of sale.
- e. Whether each lot was connected to Aloha's water and wastewater systems prior to sale, and if so, the amount of service availability charges paid to Aloha for each lot by Adam Smith.

RESPONSE: Adam Smith has objected to Interrogatory 5(b), (c) and (d). Adam Smith has further objected to Interrogatory 5 on the basis that Adam Smith requires a correct list of lots from Aloha before it can accurately identify, from the list of lots to which Aloha proposes to apply the inappropriate surcharge of \$1650 per ERC, those lots that Aloha sold and transferred ownership to others prior to connection. Notwithstanding its stated objections, and without

waiving its objections, Adam Smith has identified from the information supplied by Aloha thus

far numerous lots which fall into this category, and for which Adam Smith is no longer liable for

service availability charges. The lots are identified in Attachment B to this answer. Adam Smith

reserves the right to identify more lots for which it is not liable, by virtue of having transferred

ownership, when more complete and accurate information has been provided by Aloha. (Adam

Smith notes that the County does not assign a street address until a building permit has been

issued. Accordingly, in many instances street addresses are unavailable.)

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: For the time period from May 23, 2001 through April 16,

2002, did Adam Smith sell developed lots, i.e., lots with homes, apartments, townhouses, etc.? If

so, please provide the following information for each sale:

a. The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if

available, of each developed lot.

b. The entity to which each developed lot was sold and to whom title was transferred

and its affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.

c. The price at which each developed lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized

on each lot.

d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred if not at the time

of sale.

e. The date each developed lot was connected to Aloha's water and wastewater

systems and the amount of service availability charges paid to Aloha for each lot by Adam

Smith.

ANSWER:

No

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INTERROGATORY NO. 7: For the time period from April 16, 2002 to date has Adam Smith sold developed lots, i.e., lots with homes, apartments, townhouses, etc.? If so, please provide the following information for each sale:

- a. The tax identification number, subdivision and lot number and street address, if available, for each developed lot.
- b. The entity to which each developed lot was sold and to whom title was transferrd and its affiliation with Adam Smith, if any.
- c. The price at which each developed lot was sold and the net profit or loss realized on each lot.
- d. The date of each sale and the date at which title was transferred if not at the time of sale.
- e. The date each developed lot was connected to Aloha's water and wastewater systems and the mount of service availability charges paid to Aloha for each lot by Adam Smith.

ANSWER: No.

## INTERROGATORY NUMBERS 4a AND 4e CLOSINGS PERIOD: MAY 23, 2001 THRU APRIL 16, 2002

#### TRINITY COMMUNITIES

um	VILLAGE/ PHASE	LOT NO.	DATE CLOSED	STREET ADDRESS	SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE PAID
	mi ir	ECO	eiseisnn4	10551 Pendergrass	206.75
LOXMOOD	PH5			10348 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10607Firebrick	206.75
GOOVYKOA	PH5			10100 Green Ivy	206.75
<b>FOXWOOD</b>	PH3				206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10546 Peppergrass	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10508 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10728 Eveningwood Firebrick corner	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10827 Northbridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5				206.75
FOXWOOD	PH1	51		1634 Daylilly 10548 Peppergrass	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5				206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10447 Peppergrass 10319 Tecoma	206.75
DODWKOR	PH5			10440 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	610			206.75
FOXWOOU	PH5			10446 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	621		10550 Eveningwood	206.75 206.75
FOXWOOD	PH1	48		1633 Bayfield	206.75
FOXWOUL	PH3	365		2130 Larchwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			Loch Haven corner	206,75
FOXWOOD	PH5	739		10755 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	776		10723 Firebrick	
FOXWOOD	PH5	790		10615 Firebird	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH3	291		9940 Green Ivy	206.75
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Smith's Response to Aloh:

# INTERROGATORY NUMBERS 4a AND 4e CLOSINGS PERIOD: MAY 23, 2001 THRU APRIL 16, 2002

#### TRINITY COMMUNITIES

					SERVICE
	VILLAGE		DATE	STREET	AVAILABILITY
AML	PHASE	LOT NO.	CLOSED	ADDRESS	CHARGE PAID
FOWWOOD	PH5	600	7/31/2001	10312 Tecoma	206.75
FOXVVOOD	PH5	629	7/31/2001	10644 Eveningwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	630	7/31/2001	10650 Eveningwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	740	7/31/2001	10751 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	764		10714 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	785	7/31/2001	10718 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	787	7/31/2001	Firebrick	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	365	8/3/2001	Sorenstam	20 <del>6</del> .75
FOXWOOD	PH5	598	8/6/2001	10304 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	651	8/6/2001	10639 Eveningwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	698	8/6/2001	1731 Lady Palm	206.75
FOXWOUD	PH5	708	8/6/2001	1818 Lady Palm	208.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	761	8/6/2001	10702 Firebrick	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	370	8/10/2001	10320 Sorenstam	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHULLOW	SPYGLASS	146	8/10/2001	1241 Hagen	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHULLOW	SPYGLASS	187	8/20/2001	1220 Hagen	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	595	8/21/2001	10307 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	660	8/21/2001	10452 Peppergrass	206.75
FOXWOOD	· PH5	762	8/21/2001	1070 <del>0</del> Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	558	8/30/2001	10550 Peppergrass	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	606	8/30/2001	10344 Tecoma	206.75
FOXVVOOD	PH5	640	8/30/2001	10739 Eveningwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	685	8/30/2001	1742 Roseroot	206.75
FOXVVOOD	PH5	699	8/30/2001	1730 Lady Palm	206.75
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Attachment A
Adam Smith's Response to Aloha's
Interrogatory No. 4
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#### INTERROGATORY NUMBERS 48 AND 48 CLOSINGS PERIOD: MAY 23, 2001 THRU APRIL 15, 2002

#### TRINITY COMMUNITIES

	VILLAGE/		DATE	<b>ÖTH™</b> T	SERVICE
umr	PHASE	LOT NO.		STREET ADDRESS	AVAILABILITY
1000 E 1 3 3 1	THACE	corno.	OCOGED	RDDRESS	CHARGE PAID
FOXWOUD	PH5	757	8/30/200	1 10636 Firebrick	206,75
FOXWOOD	PH5	771	8/30/200	1 10746 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	592	9/17/200	1 10321 Tecoma	206.75
FOXVVOOD	PH5	672	9/17/200	1 1753 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	791		1 10611 Firebrick	206,75
FOXWOUD	PH5	674	9/25/200	1 1743 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOUD	PH5	775	9/25/2001	1 10737 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	784		l 10641 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH3	325	9/26/2001	2117 Edelweiss	206.75
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VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	369		10316 Sorenstam	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	SPYGLASS	182		1128 Hagen	206.75
VILLAGES AT FUXHULLOW	INVERRARY	191		9643 Venturi	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	352	10/9/2001	10138 Sorenstam	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH4	639	10/9/2001	Eveningwood	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH4	667	10/9/2001		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH4	673	10/9/2001	1747 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH4	687	10/9/2001	1815 Roseroot	206.75
VILLAGES AT FORHULLOW	PH4	367	10/11/2001	10308 Sprenstam	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	372	10/12/2001	10328 Screnstam	20 <del>6</del> .75
LOWANDOR	PH5	669	10/16/2001	1815 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	671	10/16/2001	1803 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	760	10/16/2001	10650 Firebrick	206.75
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	344	10/17/2001	1453 Goalby	206.75
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បូមក	VILLAGE/ PHASE	LOT NO.	DATE CLOSED	STREET ADDRESS	SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE PAID
	PH4	373	10/18/2001	10335 Screnstam	208.75
VILLAGES AT FORHOLLOW	PH5	562		10539 Peppergrass	206.75
EOXMOOD	PH5	75B	10/23/2001	10642 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOU		786	10/23/2001	10631 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	364	10/25/2001	10250 Sorenstam	208.75
VILLAGES AT FUXHOLLOW	PH4	591		10327 Tecoma	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	777		10729 Firebrick	206.75
FOXVVOOD	PH5			10623 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	371		10324 Sorenstam	206.75
VILLAGES AT FUXHOLLOW	PH4	47		1627 Bayfield	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH1	309	11/26/2001	2228 Edelweiss	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH3 PH5		11/26/2001	1746 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			1826 Loch Haven	206.75
EOXMOOD				10632 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10745 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			2222 Edelweiss	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5		12/12/2001	10741 Firebrick	206.75
EOXAAOOD	PH5		12/18/2001		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			Loch Haven	20 <del>6</del> .75
FOXWOOD	PH5		12/18/2001		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			10742 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			19795 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5			1735 Roseroot	206.75
COOWKOL	PH5			10741 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	774	1/8/2002	. 10/41 Filebuck	
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TOWOOD	· PH5	781	1/9/2002	10653 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	782	1/9/2002	10649 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	675	2/1/2002	1739 Roseroot	206.75
LOXMOOD	PH5	677	2/1/2002	1731 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	689	2/1/2002	Lady Pálm corner	206.75
COOVEROR	PH5	702	2/1/2002	1744 Lady Palm	206.75
FOXYVOOD	PH5	714	2/1/2002	1801 Loch Haven	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	725	2/1/2002	1816 Loch Haven	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	738	2/1/2002	10742 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	772	2/1/2002	10746 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	798	2/1/2002	1607 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOU	PH3	372	2/8/2002	Maplelawn	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	695	2/15/2002	1743 Lady Palm	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	711	2/15/2002	1823 Loch Haven	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH6	735	2/15/2002	10738 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	783	2/15/2002	10645 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH3	293	2/22/2002	9924 Edelweiss	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH3	292	2/28/2002	9932 Edelweiss	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	681	3/1/2002	1724 Roserool	206.75
LOVAGOD	PH5	682	3/1/2002	1730 Roseroot	206,75
FOXWOOD	PH5	684	3/1/2002	1738 Roseroot	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	700	3/1/2002	1734 Lady Palm	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	759		10646 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH2	250	3/15/2002		206.75

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	VILLAGE/		DATE	STREET	SERVICE AVAILABILITY
UNIT	PHASE	LOT NO.	CLOSED	ADDRESS	CHARGE PAID
FOXWOOD	P <b>H5</b>	712	3/15/2002	1817 Loch Haven	206.75
FOXWOOU	PH5	724	3/15/2002		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	737	3/15/2002	10746 Northridge	206.75
FOXWGOD	PH5	748	3/15/2002		206.75
FOXWOUL	PH4	332	3/18/2002		206.75
FOXWOUD	PH2	278	3/19/2002		206.75
FOXWOOL	PH2	279	3/26/2002		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH1	46	3/28/2002		206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	741	4/1/2002	10749 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	768	4/1/2002	10732 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	730	4/15/2002	19714 Northridge	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH5	769	4/15/2002	10736 Firebrick	206.75
FOXWOOD	PH1	126	4/16/2002	•	206.75

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บเทา	VILLAGE! PHASE	LOT NO.	DATE CLOSED	STREET ADDRESS	WASTEWATER CONNECTED TO ALOHA PRIOR TO SALE
VILLAGES AT FORHOLLOW	SPYGLASS	, 181	4/17/2002	•	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	641	5/1/2002	0735 Eveningwood	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	691	5/1/2002 L	.edy Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	744	5/1/2002 1	0735 Northridge	NO
FOXWOOD	PH3	335	5/28/2002 2	152 Edelweiss	NO
FOXWOOD	PH3	324	5/30/2002 2	109 Edelweiss	NO
FOXWOOD	PH3	349	5/30/2002 2	111 Hammock Park	ИО
FOXWOOD	PH5	693		753 Lady Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	70 <del>8</del>	6/3/2002 1	828 Lady Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	747	6/3/2002 1	0719 Northridge	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	766	6/3/2002 1	0722 Firebrick	ИО
FOXWOOD	PH5	767	6/3/2002 1	0728 Firebrick	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	770	6/3/2002 1	0740 Firebrick	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	697	6/14/2002 1	735 Lady Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	785	6/14/2002 1	0635 Firebrick	NO
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	368	8/21/2002 2	115 Laichvood	МО
FOXWOOD	PH3	315	6/28/2002 1	0335 Sorenstam	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	690	6/28/2002 1	813 Lady Palm	МО
FOXWOOD	PH5	707	6/28/2002 1	812 Lady Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	722	6/28/2002 1	800 Lochhaven	МО
FOXWOOD	PH5	743	6/28/2002 1	0741 Northridge	МО
LOXMAGA	PH5	745	6/28/2002 1	0729 Northridge	ОИ

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FOXWOOU	PH5	749	6/28/2002	10711 Northridge	ОИ
FOXWOOD	PH5	751	6/28/2002	10703 Northridge	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	77B	6/28/2002	10723 Firebrick	NO
VILLAGES AT FORHOLLOW	PH4	360	7/15/2002		NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	742	7/15/2002	10749 Northridge	NO
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	317	7/17/2002		NO
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	324	7/17/2002		МО
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	353	7/17/2002		NO
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VILLAGES AT LOXHOFFOM	PH4	356	7/17/2002		NO
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	323	7/19/2002		NO
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	329	7/22/2002	2123 Edelweiss	NO
FOXWOOD	PH2	252	7/23/2002		07
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	LAUREL GREEN	1	8/20/2002		ОИ
VILLAGES AT FOXHOLLOW	PH4	359		Peppergr <b>ass</b>	Ю
FOXWOOD	PH5	692	9/4/2002	1803 Ledy Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH5	704	9/4/2002	1754 Ledy Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PH <del>5</del>	705	9/4/2002	1804 Lady Palm	NO
FOXWOOD	PHS	746	9/4/2002	10725 Northridge	NO
FOXWOOD	PH3	344	9/12/2002 2	2039 Hammock Park	NO
LOMMOOD	PH2	242	9/13/2002		NO
FEXWOED	PH3	332	9/20/2002 2	2216 Edelweiss	ИO

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### **COUNTY OF PINELLAS**

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID S. FORD

David S. Ford, after first being placed under oath, deposes and sayeth:

- 1. My name is David S. Ford. I hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer with Adam Smith Enterprises, Inc. ("Adam Smith").
- 2. Adam Smith is in the process of developing a Development of Regional Impact ("DRI"), a portion of which lies in the service area of Aloha Utilities, Inc. ("Aloha"). The DRI consists of more than 5,000 separate units, and comprises several different subdivisions.
- 3. I have reviewed the Motion to Compel Answers to Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents that Aloha Utilities, Inc. submitted in Docket No. 020413-EU. The Motion to Compel contains statements that are fundamentally in error
- (a) In its Motion to Compel, Aloha asserts that developers such as Adam Smith track costs and expenditures "in order to calculate long term capital gains and losses for federal income tax purposes." This statement is factually wrong. Developers such as Adam Smith are not permitted to claim capital gains. Instead, lots such as those sold by Adam Smith are treated as "stock in trade," a kind of inventory, for tax purposes.
- In its pleading, Aloha continues by stating: "In short, this type of information (profits and losses per lot) is kept in the normal course of business by every developer." This statement is factually wrong. Adam Smith does not -- and, in fact cannot -- calculate, much less maintain records of, the "profits" or "losses" on individual lot sales over time. The reason is that the development of a DRI involves the expenditure of large sums of money for various off-site improvements, some portion of which would have to be allocated to each lot, and the total amount of which cannot be known until the DRI has been fully developed and all such expenditures have been made and are known. Adam Smith's experience is that, even though a developer may project or estimate the amounts of such off-site improvements during the planning and development phases, the actual amounts will vary significantly from original projections. Accordingly, Adam Smith cannot and does not calculate and maintain calculations of profits and losses for individual lot sales on an ongoing basis; nor does Adam Smith have a business need for such "per lot" calculations during the development of the DRI. Also, for the reasons stated, Adam Smith would be unable to make meaningful calculations at this time. Even when Adam Smith has reached a point at which such calculations can be made, those calculations are not the ready product of computer-generated information. Instead, the allocations of the many costs must be performed manually, and involve subjective analyses as well as accounting entries. Given the size and complexity of the DRI and the myriad of improvements that would have to be allocated, the task would require many man-days of time that Adam Smith cannot afford to devote to an exercise that, for the reasons stated, would be meaningless.
- (c) Adam Smith regards and treats such business information as prices, costs, and profits as extremely confidential and proprietary.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

David S. Ford

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this

day of November 2002.

Notary Public

Commission expires: 8/19

8/19/03

CHRISTINE K. FREEDMAN

MY COMMISSION # CC 262370

EXPIRES: Aug 19, 2003

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