

MEMORANDUM

August 13, 1996

TO : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (PELLEGRINI)  
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING *RRR BSM JDN*

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN)

RE : DOCKET NO. 960803-SU; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF  
CERTIFICATE NO. 281-S BY BONITA COUNTRY CLUB UTILITIES,  
INC. IN LEE COUNTY.

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Bonita Country Club Utilities, Inc. (Bonita or utility) provides wastewater service to approximately 750 customers pursuant to Commission Certificate No. 281-S in Lee County. Bonita's most recent submission to this Commission, the 1995 Annual Report, details utility operating revenues of \$185,132 and a net operating loss of \$3,907. The utility is a Class B utility company under FPSC jurisdiction.

On July 5, 1996 the utility applied for an amendment to Wastewater Certificate No. 281-S in Lee County, Florida. The application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for amendment of certificate. The application contains one check in the amount of \$100 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.036(1)(e), (f) and (i), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the utility is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes, that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission.

In addition, the application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. No objections were filed and the time for filing such has expired. The local planning agency was provided notice of the application and did not file a protest to the amendment. The utility states that the provision of service will be consistent with the utility section of the local comprehensive plan. Service will be provided by the utility's new .5 mgd wastewater treatment plant. Current maximum peaks flows at the wastewater treatment plant are around .210 mgd. Thus the wastewater treatment plant has adequate capacity to accept the influent of 55 single family residents and one community center

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that are the subject of this amendment. Once flows reach .250 mgd the effluent will be disposed of by spraying the effluent on a nearby golf course. Water service the development will be provided by Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc. a non regulated utility.

The utility has two Class C licensed operators that have been with the utility for five years. Ms. Trudi K. Williams, P.E. is the utility's consulting engineer and works for the utility on an as needed basis. Staff has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection and learned that there are no outstanding notices of violation issued for this system. The applicant states that the utility has provided reasonably sufficient, adequate and efficient service since it acquired the system in the early 80's. The construction of facilities to serve the area will be paid by the developer and the utility intends to file a service availability case before providing service to the developer. Consequently, staff believes the utility has demonstrated the financial and technical expertise to provide quality service to these customers. Staff recommends the rates and charges approved by the Commission be applied to customers in the new service territory. The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff and returned its certificate for entry reflecting the additional territory.

Based on the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Bonita Country Club Utilities, Inc. for amendment of Wastewater Certificate No. 281-S for the territory described in Attachment A. An administrative order should be issued approving the application and closing the docket within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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cc: Division of Records and Reporting (Security File)  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Chase, Lingo)

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ATTACHMENT A

BONITA COUNTRY CLUB UTILITIES, INC.

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