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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
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Re: DECCA Utilities; 1997 Extension of Service Area Docket No. 971157-WS

Our File No. 20982.13

Dear Ms. Bayo:

The following comments are made in response to the October 16, 1997 correspondence from Richard Redemann requesting additional information be provided in connection with the above-referenced docket.

1. The large map provided with the original Application was for use in illustrating the entire region and the relationship of each utility expansion area to the existing DECCA territory. The map has no defined scale because the illustration was adjusted to fit a standard plot size. Other maps provided with the Application entitled "DECCA Utilities Regional Service Area Expansion" show each new territory area at a scale of 1" = 600 feet, and show the Section, Township and Range information. An additional letter size copy of that map is enclosed and the full size map will be provided directly to Mr. Redemann.

2. The changes to the legal description presented by Mr. Redemann have been reviewed by DECCA Utilities' consultants and the items struck out from the descriptions, although materially do not change the legal description, do alter the description sufficiently to not meet the minimum technical standards as required by surveyors in Florida. Therefore, we have enclosed a revised general legal description of that portion of property in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 20 East. The second to the last legal description needs to include the "less and

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except" which is described on the sketch of the description of that property.

- Once the legal description is verified, DECCA Utilities will resubmit the appropriate revised tariff sheets.
- 4. The existing service area it the North 1/2 of Section 25 is presently serviced by DECCA Utilities with a 12" water main and a 6" sewer force main with an on-site sewer lift station. These lines extend along State Road 200 from Oak Run to the subject area. The proposed expansion area will be serviced by the existing 12" water main, northward along State Road 200 to the proposed new area and extending the gravity sewer from the west side of State Road 200 to the east side of State Road 200 to the subject expansion area.

With respect to the other territory expansions areas, the water distribution system for Oak Run and all territory expansion areas was modeled using a computer simulated network analysis to identify approximate pipeline sizes and sufficiency of existing system to meet the proposed demand. Utility water line extensions ranging from 6" to 12" diameter are planned to service the areas and provide loop system connections were practical. The design is based on providing service to meet or exceed the design criteria for Marion County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and fire flow demands within the territory expansion area.

With respect to sewer service, the Utility system at Oak Run will require extension of gravity sewer mains 8" to 12" in diameter to the proposed expansion areas, as well as installation of sewer lift stations and associated force mains. Based on the expected use of the expansion area, primarily general commercial, the existing 800,000 gallons per day capacity wastewater treatment plant has sufficient capacity over the present flow of 350,000 per day capacity. The existing Oak Run wastewater collection system consists of various sewer lift stations, force mains and gravity sewer lines ranging from 8" to 12" in diameter. As the expansion area develops, lift station pumps will need to be replaced with larger pumps and a new force main will need to be rerouted to directly access the wastewater treatment plant. No significant or extraordinary system changes are planned

5. As presented in the description previously provided, the types of customers anticipated in the expansion area include commercial, office buildings, and single family residential homes.

Because DECCA Utilities does not own the territory expansion area, the Utility has no control over the specific type of development which may take place. For planning purposes, the most recent Marion County zoning designations were used and the following approximate customer base was derived:

Residential single family - 875 units General Commercial - approximately 1.3 million square feet of commercial building area

There is no reasonable way to determine how many commercial meters or what meter sizes will be needed for commercial future customer service.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO MARION UTILITIES, INC.

From our review of the Marion Utilities, Inc.'s ("MUI") existing and proposed system, the DECCA Utilities system will not split MUI system's in half. All of the existing MUI water lines will remain in service and service the properties along Southwest 103rd Street Road, east of State Road 200.

The Bulk Service Agreement between DECCA Utilities and Marion County does recognize the ability of Marion County to extend water and wastewater lines along county roads within the MUI territory for the purpose of allowing Marion County to service areas outside of DECCA Utilities certificated territory. Interconnection of utilities has not been addressed in the agreement form with Marion County or MUI.

# QUESTIONS RELATING TO MARION COUNTY/DECCA BULK SERVICE AGREEMENT

- We will provide you with an explanation of the development of the bulk service rates and work papers at a later date under separate cover.
- 2. Section 3 (4) of the Bulk Service Agreement between DECCA and Marion County is ambiguous. Apparently, one of Marion County's attorneys have lead them to believe that they may not be responsible for paying regulatory assessment fees. Unless and until there is a determination by the PSC that Marion County is not responsible for the regulatory assessment fee, DECCA's bulk water

and wastewater rates to the County will be 85% of the retail rates and the tariff sheets which we previously provided with this application reflect that rate. You will note that the last sentence of that subsection provides that the ultimate decision as to DECCA's rates lies appropriately with the PSC. DECCA does not intend to release or rebate any of its rates to the County.

- 3. You are correct that First Revised Sheet No. 19.0 of the proposed water tariff contains a typographical error and we have enclosed the appropriate revised tariff sheet with the correct base facility charge.
- 4. Marion County has advised DECCA that it intends to utilize the first 500 ERCs of water and wastewater capacity as provided for in the Bulk Service Agreement to service proposed developments that are underway at this time and services expected to be needed by February, 1998.
- 5. The County service region is illustrated on an exhibit to the Bulk Service Agreement. The initial service needed by the County in 1998 will include a project known as Cherrywood. The County will not be servicing any expansion parcels described in this amendment. So long as DECCA Utilities has water and wastewater service available within a reasonable time, the County will not be developing its own water wells or building its own wastewater treatment plant to serve the area described in the Bulk Service Agreement. The County does operate utility systems serving areas outside of the bulk service area described in the Bulk Service Agreement.

### OUESTIONS RELATING TO REUSE RATE

- A. DECCA Utilities has not entered into any reuse agreements to date with any other parties. All reuse is being conducted on property owned and controlled by DECCA and thus such written agreements are unnecessary at this time.
- B. DECCA does not intend to request approval of a reuse rate at this time since DECCA itself owns and controls the properties upon which reuse will be distributed.
- C. Since DECCA Utilities does not have, nor does it propose to implement a reuse rate in the foreseeable future adopting a tariff sheet for effluent reuse service would not serve any useful purpose.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For The Firm

MSF/bsr Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Bell

Chuck A. Pigeon, P.E.

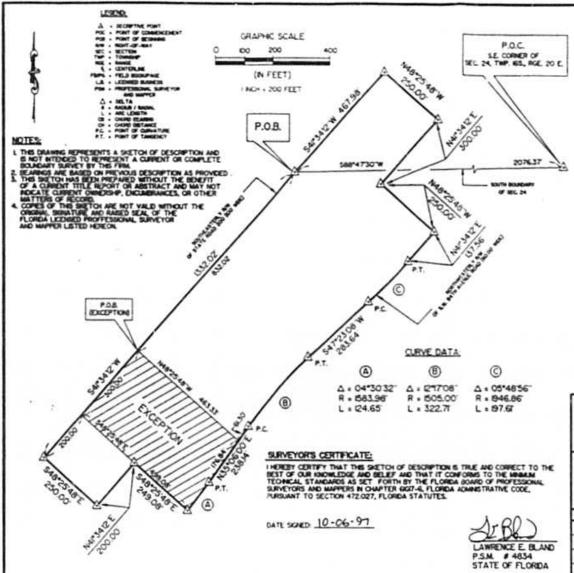
Richard Redemann (with enclosures)

OCTOBER 28, 1997

### DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, 1543 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 200 (100 FEET WIDE); THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 1155 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF COMPLEX 200, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "X", PAGES 53 - 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, 999 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 213 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



#### DESCRIPTION

A PORTION OF SECTIONS 24 AND 25, TOWNSHIP IS SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, MARCH COUNTY, PLORIDA MORE PARTICILIARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS COMMENCE AT THE S.E. CORRER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP IS SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST; THENCE S. REPATTON. ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION, 2074-37 FEET TO THE PORT OF REGIONG, SAD PORT BEING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LIKE OF STATE ROAD 200 (A DOLDO FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), THENCE S.4"34 ETW. ALDING SAD REAT OF WAY, ESECUT FEET; THENCE SANTE OF Z. A DETANCE OF ZEOLOG FEET, THERE NATIONE, A DETANCE OF 200,00 FEET; THERE SASTEMEN, A DISTANCE OF 249.08 FEET TO A POINT ON CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RACAS OF BELLOW FELT, A CENTRAL AWALE OF OP'SO'DE, AND A CHORD OF \$14.62 FEET BEAUNG NATIONES, SAD POINT BEING ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LIFE OF S.W. BATH AVENE ROAD (A GOLDO FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) THENEX MORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAD CURVE AND REAT OF WAY, QALES FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE HASPOGODY, A DISTANCE OF ZORAN FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A MAKEN OF BOSON FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF EYTOR'S THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAD CURVE A DISTANCE OF 122.7 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGETICS; THENCE 147 2308 L A DETANCE OF 28164 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CARVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHHEST, HAVING A RACKS OF BHEAS FEET AND A CENTRAL MIGLE OF OSTABLE", THENCE HORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAD CLEME, A OSTANCE OF BY M FEET TO A PORT OF TAMBENCY, THENCE IS 4" MAY BE A DISTANCE OF ST.54 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF S.W. S4" H AVENE ROAD, N.48"25"48"W, A DETANCE OF 250,00 FEET, THENCE MATSHUT, A DISTANCE OF 300,00 FEET; THENCE MANTENANIA, A DISTANCE OF 250,00 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIFT. OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 200. THENCE SATSATE'M, ALONG SAD RIGHT OF WAY, 467.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF

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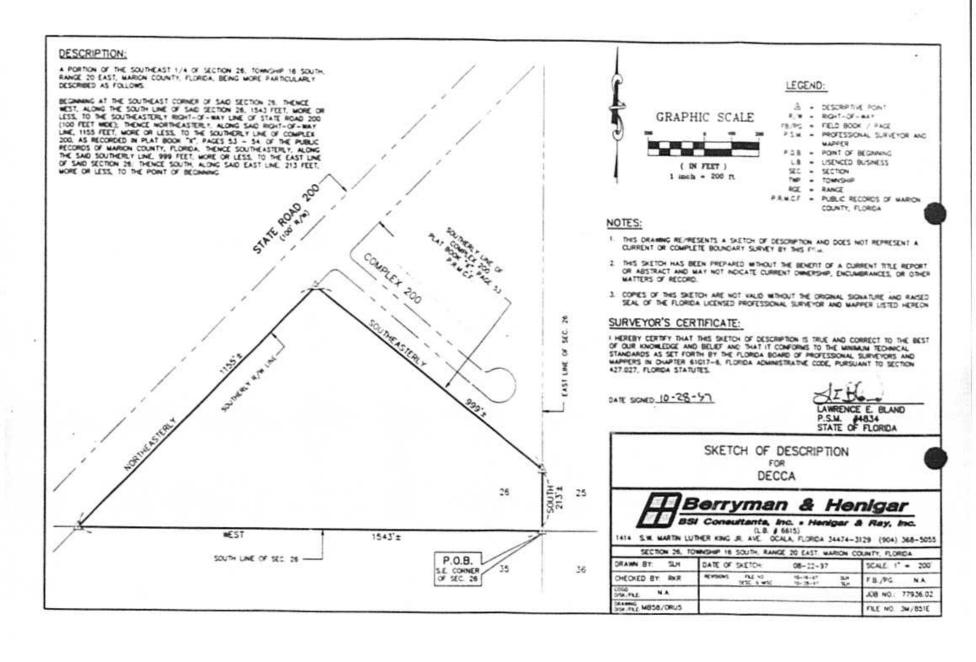
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### SKETCH OF DESCRIPTION FOR DECCA



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DECCA UTILITIES WATER TARIFF

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#### MARION COUNTY BULK RATE RATE SCHEDULE BR

AVAILABILITY

Available to the area not within the service area of the company but within the area described in the Marion County/DECCA Wholesale Water and Wastewater Supply Agreement, Contract No. 97-1.

APPLICABILITY

Water Service to Marion County within the area described in the Marion County/DECCA Wholesale Water and Wastewater Supply Agreement, Contract No. 97-1.

LIMITATIONS

Subject to all Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

RATE

Monthly

Meter Size	Base Facility Charge	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 7.43	
1"	18.61	
1 1/2"	37.20	
2"	59.51	
3"	119.04	
4"	186.02	
6"	372.03	

GALLONAGE CHARGE \$0.94 per 1,000 gallons of water used

TERMS OF PAYMENT Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days, written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE

TYPE OF FILING Special Service Availability Contract

> James Bell ISSUING OFFICER

Division Manager TITLE