

### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for amendment ) of Certificate No. 347-W to add territory in Marion County by Marion Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 961531-WU

#### NOTICE OF FILING

DECCA UTILITIES, ("Decca"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby notices the filing of the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced docket.

> Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November, 1997, by:

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing was furnished via U.S. Mail to Pat Wiggins, Esquire, Wiggins & Villacora, P.A., P.O. Box 1657, Ste. B, Tallahassee, FL 32302 and Tim Vacarro, Esquire, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Marion Utilities, Inc. and DECCA Utilities.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Marion Utilities, Inc. has filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") for an amendment to its Water Certificate, which application has been assigned PSC Docket No. 961531-WU; and,

WHEREAS, DECCA Utilities has filed a protest of that application with the PSC; and,

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amicably resolve this dispute without additional time and expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

 The foregoing recitations are true and correct and incorporated herein.

2. Marion Utilities, Inc. agrees to a deletion from its service area of the property described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" hereto. The parties will cooperate in accomplishing that deletion in connection with DECCA Utilities' application to the PSC for an amendment to its existing Water and Wastewater Certificates which is pending before the PSC in PSC Docket No. 971157-WS or as part of PSC Docket No. 961531-WU, whichever is determined to be most expedient. Should the PSC require a separate application be filed by Marion Utilities, Inc. to accomplish the deletion of the service area described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" hereof, then DOCUMEN' & Mario Utilities.

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Marion Utilities, Inc., at its sole expense, shall file such application within 30 days of notice of such requirement. DECCA Utilities shall cooperate with Marion Utilities, Inc.'s application for deletion of that portion of Marion Utilities, Inc.'s service area described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" hereto, including but not limited to providing maps and legal descriptions of the property to be debated.

3. DECCA Utilities will reimburse Marion Utilities, Inc. within 30 days after the PSC's approval of the Agreement the sum of \$ 600.00 for connections made by DECCA Utilities within the property described on Exhibit "A" hereto.

4. Marion Utilities, Inc. agrees not to protest DECCA Utilities application to the PSC to amend its Water and Wastewater Certificate, in PSC Docket No. 971157-WS. Marion Utilities, Inc. also agrees not to object to DECCA Utilities' application for an amendment of its Water and Wastewater Certificates filed in PSC Docket No. 971053-WS.

5. DECCA Utilities will not object to future Certificate Amendments by Marion Utilities, Inc. provided that such Amendment is not contrary to Marion County's plans for regional service.

6. DECCA Utilities will not file any objections to any permit modifications requested by Marion Utilities, Inc. to provide service within its PSC certificated service area.

7. Upon the PSC's approval of the deletion from Marion Utilities, Inc.'s Water Certificate of the property described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" hereto, DECCA agrees to file with the PSC in Docket No. 961531-WU a voluntary dismissal of its objection with prejudice.

8. The parties agree to take such other actions and execute other such documents as are necessary to implement this Settlement Agreement.

9. Should either party be required to initiate civil or administrative actions to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys fees and costs, including those on appeal.

10. This Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the PSC. If this Settlement Agreement is not approved by the PSC exactly as written, then it shall become null and void.

11. This Agreement sets forth all the covenants, promises, agreements, conditions and understandings between the parties concerning the leased premises and there are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions or understandings, either oral or written, between them other than are herein set forth. Except as herein otherwise provided, no subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless reduced to writing and signed by them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Settlement Agreement as of October  $\frac{3l}{2}$ , 1997.

MARION UTILITIES, INC.

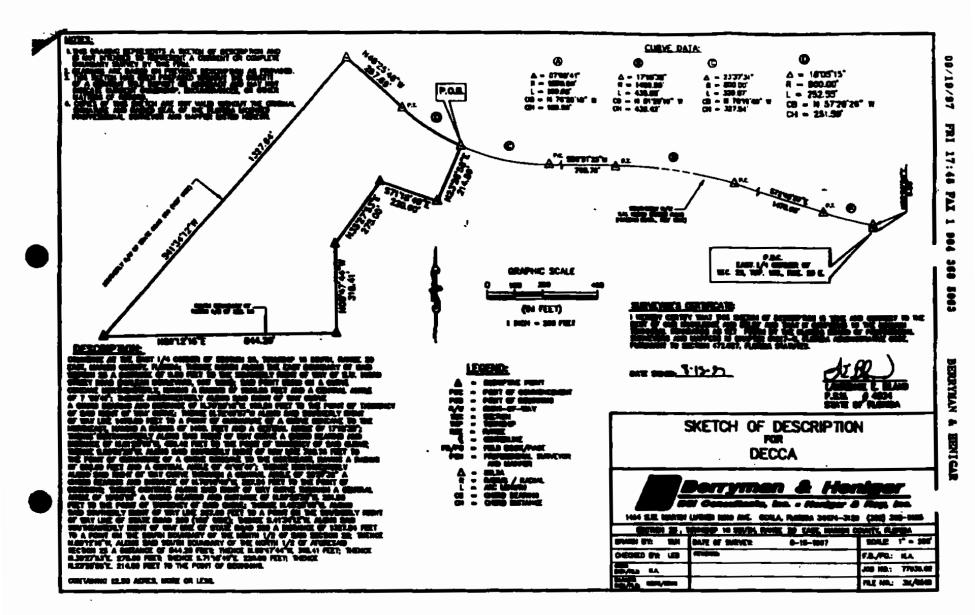
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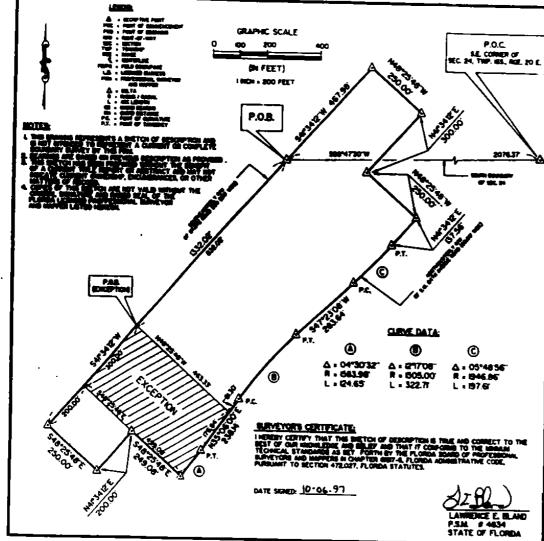
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