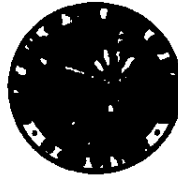


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RE: Docket No. 971481 - Petition of Mad Hatter Utility, Inc. in Pasco County for variance from Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), F.A.C., or, in the alternative, motion for extension of time.

Dear Mr. Deterding:

This is a request for additional information regarding the above referenced petition. Specifically, we request detailed information regarding the following: 1) estimated cost of a title research; 2) estimated cost of foreclosure proceedings; and 3) estimated cost of condemnation proceedings.

Further, we request a statement whether the variance sought is temporary or permanent. Finally, we respectfully request a response to this letter before January 5, 1998. Please note that the 90 days statutory time period to grant or deny the petition will commence after receipt of the last item of timely requested additional information unless you submit a written request to finish processing the petition pursuant to Sections 120.542(7) and (8), Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to give me a call at (850) 413-6230. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Hans Gervasi
Staff Attorney

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