

# Heartland Utilities, Inc.

P. O. Box 1991  
Sebring, Florida 33871

941-655-4300

April 6, 1998

Mr. Richard Redemann  
Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0850

Re: Heartland Utilities No. 420-W  
Approval to Expand Territory

Dear Mr. Redemann:

We request that you expedite this application. There are eighteen contaminated wells in Sebring Lakes Subdivision and we would like to provide them with safe drinking water as soon as possible. See attached letter from Highlands County Health Department.

This project will be funded in this year's DEP budget year and must be approved by June 30, 1998.

Also attached is the projected cost for this project.

Your cooperation in expediting this application will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Howard Short*  
Howard Short

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## HIGHLANDS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Howard Short, Owner  
Heartland Utilities  
P.O. Box 1991  
Sebring, Florida 33871

January 6, 1998

Re: Proposal for Public Water System in Sebring Lakes Subdivision

Dear Mr. Short:

We are pleased to learn of your proposal to provide public drinking water to the residents and lot owners of Sebring Lakes subdivision in units 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and 2C. Extensive groundwater contamination has been documented by the Health Department in this subdivision. Consequently, it is delineated under Chapter 62-524, FAC and requires costly deep aquifer construction standards for each private well.

Construction of a public water system will be a public health benefit by providing safe drinking water to the families of the existing and future homes. Ethylene dibromide (EDB) is found in the surficial aquifer of this subdivision at values above the maximum contaminate level and is a known carcinogen. The health risks associated with long term exposure to other found pesticides and nitrates continues to be evaluated.

The Health Department supports your proposal as it advances our public health goal of safe drinking water for all citizens and visitors of Highlands County. It is through these kinds of improvements in basic infrastructure that the foundation for healthy communities is established. Please let me know if we can assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger L. Christopher".

Roger L. Christopher  
Environmental Health Director

cc: Valerie Pfister, Administrator  
Highlands County Health Department

## Water Plant

2	6" wells 300GPM each	\$24,000 ea	\$ 48,000
1	10,000 gallon pressure tank		\$ 10,000
1	30,000 gallon ground storage tank		\$ 24,000
	Concrete saddles for pressure tank and Pad for ground storage tank		\$ 15,000
2	300 GPM Submersible pumps		
2	300 GPM High Service pumps		
	Pipe and Fittings		
	Labor to install pumps and tanks		\$ 50,000
	Cascade aerator		\$ 5,500
	Electrical controls and installation		\$ 7,000
	Building		\$ 7,000
	Land		\$ 5,200
	Painting		\$ 5,000
	Chlorination equipment, alarms, air pack		\$ 10,000
	Initial Water Analyses		\$ 3,000
	Sod		\$ 1,000
	Fence		\$ 2,500
	Engineering		\$ 5,000
	Surveying and easements		\$ 1,000
	PSC application fee		\$ 500
			<u>\$199,700</u>

## Water Distribution

Engineering	\$ 7,000
SWFWMD Permit	\$ 550
8450' 6" C-900 @ \$7.00	\$ 59,150
2300' 4" C-900 @ \$4.50	\$ 10,350
1700' 2" Sch 40 @ \$3.00	\$ 5,100
3 6" Bores @ \$1500	\$ 4,500
1 4" Bore @ \$1000	\$ 1,000
3 2" Bores @ \$450	\$ 1,350
10 concrete drives @ \$450	\$ 4,500
1 concrete drive @ \$900	\$ 900
Sod and restoration	\$ 5,000
8 6" valves @ \$450	\$ 3,000
14 2" valves, saddles and taps @ \$200	\$ 2,800
4 6" 90°ells @ \$200	\$ 800
7 6" Tees @ \$200	\$ 1,400
8 4" Valves @ \$350	\$ 1,400
Pressure Test	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	\$109,800

AFFIDAVIT

I Howard E. Short do affirm that the notice of actual application was given in accordance with Section 367.045(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code, by regular mail to the attached list of entities.

BY: Howard E. Short  
Applicant's Signature

Howard E. Short  
Applicant's Name (Typed)

President  
Applicant's Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1998.



SABRINA J. SCOTT  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Comm. Exp. Sept. 19, 1999  
Comm. No. CC 496847

Sabrina J. Scott  
Notary Public

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE  
(EXTENSION OR DELETION)  
(Section 367.045, Florida Statutes)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on March 24, 1998 pursuant to Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, of the application of Heartland Utilities, Inc. to amend its Water Certificate No. 420-W to add territory in Highlands County, Florida as follows:

A PORTION OF SEBRING LAKES UNIT 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B, AND 2-C LOCATED IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SECTION 3 AND 4, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, THENCE NORTH  $0^{\circ} 29' 23''$  EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 3 A DISTANCE OF 1298.93 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 27. THENCE NORTH  $31^{\circ} 32' 59''$  WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 27 A DISTANCE OF 325 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF JOSEPHINE CREEK AND FOR POINT OF BEGINNING:

THENCE CONTINUE NORTH  $31^{\circ} 32' 59''$  WEST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE U.S. HIGHWAY 27 A DISTANCE OF 1264.43 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH  $89^{\circ} 41' 36''$  WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 3 A DISTANCE OF 3155.71 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH  $0^{\circ} 53' 45''$  EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 669.33 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4. THENCE SOUTH  $89^{\circ} 46' 12''$  WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 1331.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 3; THENCE NORTH  $1^{\circ} 01' 32''$  EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 3 A DISTANCE OF 2013.48 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 3; ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE SOUTH  $89^{\circ} 55' 46''$  WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 660 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF JOSEPHINE CREEK; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF JOSEPHINE CREEK A DISTANCE OF 2400 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF JOSEPHINE CREEK A DISTANCE OF 900 FEET. THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF JOSEPHINE CREEK A DISTANCE 8100 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 250 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Any objection to the said application must be made in writing within thirty (30) days from this date to the Director, Division of Record and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. A copy of said objection should be mailed to the applicant whose address is:

HEARTLAND UTILITIES, INC.  
P.O. Box 1991  
Sebring, Florida 33871

LIST OF WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY

(VALID FOR 60 DAYS)  
02/24/1998-04/24/1998

UTILITY NAME

MANAGER

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

BUTTONWOOD BAY UTILITIES, INC. (WS387) 10001 U.S. 27 SOUTH SEBRING, FL 33870-9629	JOHN GREYTAK (941) 655-1122
C & H UTILITIES, INC. (SU526) P. O. BOX 1088 SEBRING, FL 33871-1088	WENDELL L. FAIRCLOTH (941) 471-1400
C & H UTILITIES, INC. (WU649) P. O. BOX 1088 SEBRING, FL 33871-1088	WENDELL L. FAIRCLOTH (941) 471-1400
COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING (WS654) 4800 HAW BRANCH ROAD SEBRING, FL 33872-4706	R. GREG HARRIS (941) 382-8538
CREOLA, INC. (SU658) P. O. BOX 1346 SEBRING, FL 33871-1346	DAVID L. HICKMAN (941) 385-0981
CRYSTAL LAKE CLUB (WS636) 1 CLAYTON, SHERWOOD, WILLIAMS 2500 MAITLAND CENTER PARKWAY, STE 105 MAITLAND, FL 32751-4165	JOE SHERWOOD (407) 660-0050
DAMON UTILITIES, INC. (WS551) 47 LAKE DAMON DRIVE AVON PARK, FL 33825-8902	LISA DAVIS (941) 453-0773
FAIRMOUNT UTILITIES, THE 2ND, INC. (SU648) 3625 VALERIA BLVD. SEBRING, FL 33870-1048	ROGER E. MILLER (941) 385-8542
FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION (WS618) P. O. BOX 609520 ORLANDO, FL 32860-9520	BRIAN P. ARMSTRONG (407) 880-0058
HARDER HALL - HOWARD, INC. (SU644) 122 EAST LAKE DRIVE BLVD. SEBRING, FL 33872-5018	PAUL E. HOWARD (941) 382-8725

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY (continued)

HEARTLAND UTILITIES, INC. (WU566)  
P. O. BOX 1991  
SEBRING, FL 33871-1991

HOWARD SHORT  
(941) 655-4300

HIGHLANDS RIDGE ASSOCIATES, INC. (WS672)  
3003 EAST FAIRWAY VISTA DRIVE  
AVON PARK, FL 33825-6001

NANCY DICKEY  
(941) 471-1117

HIGHLANDS UTILITIES CORPORATION (SU299)  
1511 U.S. HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-8980

DIXON PUGH  
(941) 465-1296

HOLMES UTILITIES, INC. (WU760)  
760 HENSCRATCH ROAD  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-8397

DANIEL HOLMES  
(941) 465-6044 OR -6911

LAKE JOSEPHINE WATER (WU349)  
760 HENSCRATCH ROAD  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-8397

DARALD E. PUGH  
(941) 465-2916

LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC. (WS709)  
UTILITIES, INC.  
200 WEATHERSFIELD AVENUE  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714-4099

DONALD RASMUSSEN  
(407) 869-1919

LANDMARK ENTERPRISES, INC. (SU686)  
62 LAKE HENRY DRIVE  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-6000

DAVID S. PLANK  
(941) 382-3030

PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. (WU193)  
2000 JEFFERSON AVENUE, NORTH  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-9749

ROLAND TOBLER  
(941) 465-0345

SEBRING RIDGE UTILITIES, INC. (WS345)  
3625 VALERIE BLVD.  
P. O. BOX 488  
SEBRING, FL 33871-0488

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GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

CENTRAL FL. REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 2089  
BARTOW, FL 33831

CLERK, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
SEBRING, FL 33870-3701

DEP SOUTH DISTRICT  
2295 VICTORIA AVE., SUITE 364  
FORT MYERS, FL 33901

MAYOR, CITY OF AVON PARK  
110 EAST MAIN STREET  
AVON PARK, FL 33825-3945

MAYOR, CITY OF SEBRING  
368 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
SEBRING, FL 33870-3606

MAYOR, TOWN OF LAKE PLACID  
50 PARK DRIVE  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-9693

S.W. FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2379 BROAD STREET  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34609-6899

SO. FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 24680  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416-4680

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STATE OFFICIALS

STATE OF FLORIDA PUBLIC COUNSEL  
C/O THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1300

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850

The owners of Heartland Utilities, Howard and Coleen Short, have owned and operated Heartland Utilities for approximately eight years and our track record confirms our technical and financial ability to render reasonably sufficient, adequate and efficient service.

Howard worked as Water Superintendent for Sebring Utilities from 1977 to 1984. He was responsible for the complete operation of the water department which served 8,000 customers with a one million dollar capital budget.

Howard and Coleen owned and operated Short Utility Service from 1984 to 1994. During this time they operated and managed approximately 30 water and wastewater utilities.

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