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TO : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CIBULA)
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT (WALDEN) *Walden*

RE : DOCKET NO. 001825-WS; APPLICATION OF PARKLAND UTILITIES,
INC. FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATES NOS. 242-W AND 185-S
TO ADD TERRITORY IN BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES

Parkland Utilities, Inc. (Parkland or utility) is a Class B water and wastewater utility under Commission jurisdiction that provides water and wastewater service to approximately 657 water customers and 652 wastewater customers in northern Broward County. The annual report for 1999 shows that the annual operating revenue for water and wastewater is \$712,525 and the net operating income is \$70,978. The utility's service area is in the South Florida Water Management District, and lies within a critical water supply problem area.

On December 27, 2000 the utility applied for an amendment to Water Certificate No. 242-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 185-S in Broward County, Florida pursuant to Rule 25-30.036(3), Florida Administrative Code. 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 a check in the amount of \$400 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided evidence in the form of a warranty deed that the utility owns the land upon which the utility's water facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code. Wastewater service is provided on a bulk rate basis from Broward County.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e), (f) and (I), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the utility is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A.

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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 to the application have been received and the time for such has expired. The local planning agency was provided notice of the application and did not file a protest to the amendment. The Department of Community Affairs states that there are no growth management concerns in the proposed service area and the utility's application is consistent with both Broward and Palm Beach Counties' comprehensive plans. The utility states this area will be developed into low density housing consisting of a maximum of 125 single family homes.

The existing water system consists of two wells and a lime softening treatment facility. The water system can supply a maximum of 580,000 gallons per day, limited by the water treatment plant capacity. Flows for the average day, peak month are 330,000 gpd from the plant, showing customer demand of 435 gpd/connection during this peak month. The additional 125 connections planned will add another 55,000 gpd demand on this plant. As back-up supply, this utility is interconnected with Palm Beach County water system. The applicant states that lines of sufficient capacity exist to provide service to the additional territory, although some extensions will be required. The Broward County Health Department has no outstanding notices of violation issued for this system.

Wastewater service is provided through a bulk arrangement with Broward County's regional system. The utility states that current flows are averaging .210 mgd, as compared to the allocation of .310 mgd by Broward County for Parkland's use, indicating that capacity is available to serve the additional 125 connections. Current customers average 280 gpd/connection of wastewater. These additional 125 connections are estimated to generate about .035 mgd of wastewater, which brings the projected average daily flow to a total of .245 mgd. Parkland's wastewater treatment plant was taken off line years ago.

Line extensions to serve the additional properties will be paid for or installed by the property owners or developers, and

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then deeded to the utility. No impact upon capital costs for line extensions will occur.

Included as documents in this application are letters of agreement between Parkland and property owners desirous of water service. The utility explains that the interest in water service is due to private wells having some problems, or, the property not having a well and needing drinking water. Four of the property owners have existing homes on the property, while the fifth owner is intending to develop as many as 100 homes on the 25 acres owned.

The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff. Parkland's current rates and charges contained in the utility's tariff on file with the Commission should be applied to service in the additional territory.

Based on the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Parkland Utilities, Inc. for amendment of Water Certificate No. 242-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 185-S. An administrative order should be issued granting the application, within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me immediately.

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cc: Division of Records and Reporting (Security File)

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ATTACHMENT A

PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC.

WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA

BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES

In Section 2, Township 48 South, Range 41 East, Broward County:

The North half, less and except:

the East 3/4 of the East half of the East half;

that portion of the West half of the West half of the East half of the East half, lying and being north of the south line of the north 2123 feet; and,

the East 1320 feet of the north 1320 feet (as measured along the north and east lines).

In Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 41 East, Broward County:

All of said Section 35, lying southerly of the Hillsboro Canal and State Road 827.

In Section 26, Township 47 South, Range 41 East, Palm Beach County:

All of said Section 26, lying southerly of the Hillsboro Canal and State Road 827.