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August 9, 2001

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Citizens First Bank 1129 Main Street The Villages, Florida 32159

Re: Account Number (Docket No. 960305-WS)

- Little Sumter Utility Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

As the Florida Public Service Commission's designated agent in such matters, and as a signatory on the above-referenced escrow account, I hereby authorize you to release a total of \$110,000.00 from the account to Little Sumter Utility Company. I have enclosed a copy of the Company's Request to Release Funds from Escrow, dated July 24, 2001, and a copy of Commission staff's authorization for release of the indicated amount pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-96-1132-FOF-WS.

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Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Rosanne Gervasi, Division of Legal Services Kathy Kaproth, Division of Economic Regulation John F. Wise, Treasurer, Little Sumter Utility Company

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DATE: August 6, 2001

TO:

Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (Bayó)

FROM: Kathy Kaproth, Division of Economic Regulation

Rosanne Gervasi, Division of Legal Services

RE:

Request by Little Sumter Utility Company to release funds from escrow

account

Order No. PSC-96-1132-FOF-WS, issued in Docket 960305-WS September 10, 1996, the Commission directed Little Sumter Utility Company (LSU) to establish an escrow account that can only be used to fund conservation programs approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The order required that a request to release funds from the escrow account be accompanied by an explanation of the specific use of the funds and documentation that the funds will be used to further a conservation program approved by the SWFWMD.

On January 16, 2001, LSU filed a request to release \$334,896.26 from the The utility expended \$555,300 on wastewater effluent modifications to increase the amount of reclaimed water available for golf course irrigation and will request additional releases as funds become available. Accordingly, Citizens First Bank released \$334,896.26 from the escrow account to LSU.

On July 24, 2001, LSU filed a request to release an additional \$110,000 from the escrow account to LSU. LSU certified that the improvements in the amounts of \$555,300 have been completed and that the Encore Construction Company has been paid in full.

Accordingly, the utility's request to release funds from the escrow account should be authorized. Pursuant to the escrow account, the bank will disburse funds to the utility upon written instructions from the Commission through the Director of the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services. Therefore, we request that you provide written instructions to Citizens First Bank to release \$110,000 from the escrow account to LSU.

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Division of Policy Analysis & Intergovernmental Liaison (Bethel, Golden) 51014 10

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for rate increase in Sumter County by LITTLE SUMTER UTILITY COMPANY)))	Docket No.	960305-WS	WHITE REGULATI	JUL 26 HIII: 21	- mg).
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REQUEST TO RELEASE FUNDS FROM ESCROW

LITTLE SUMTER UTILITY COMPANY ("Little Sumter"), by and through its undersigned officer and pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-1132-FOF-WS, requests the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting to provide written instructions to the Citizens First Bank ("Bank") to release \$110,000.00 from the escrow account held in such Bank, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Order No. 96-1132-FOF-WS established an escrow account to be used to pay for conservation programs targeted to make customers reduce their consumption.
- 2. LSU has expended \$555,300 on wastewater effluent modifications to increase the amount of reclaimed water available for golf course irrigation and submitted its "Request to Release Funds from Escrow" dated January 12, 2001. The Florida Public Service Commission approved this request in a letter dated January 24, 2001 and authorized a release of \$334,896.26 from the Escrow (see attached request and release).

Amount initially available for release \$555,300.00
Released – January 24, 2001 (334,896.26)
Amount currently available for release \$220,403.74

- 3. I hereby certify that the improvements in the amount of \$555,300 have been completed and that the Contractor (Encore) has been paid in full.
- 4. Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the Bank shall disburse funds to Little Sumter upon written instructions of the FPSC, Director of Division of Records and Reporting.

5. LSU will request additional releases for this Project as funds become available in the escrow account.

WHEREFORE, Little Sumter requests the Director of Records and Reporting provide written instructions to the Bank to pay \$110,000.00 from the escrow account to Little Sumter.

Respectfully submitted on this 24th day of July, 2001, by:

Little Sumter Utility Company 1100 Main Street The Villages, FL 32159 (352) 753-6270

y: (____

John F. Wise Treasurer