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DATE: July 2, 2002
TO: Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
FROM: Thomas Walden, Division of Economic Regulation
RE: Docket No. 020148-WS; Application of Little Sumter Utility Company for amendment of Certificates Nos. 580-W and 500-S in Sumter and Marion Counties

Attached is a letter from the Department of Community Affairs that contains comments relative to the above referenced docket. Place this letter in the docket file.

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cc: K. Echternacht, Staff Attorney

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Re: Application of Little Sumter Utility Company to extend
water and wastewater services in Marion and Sumter Counties
Docket No. 020148-WS

Dear Ms. Daniel:

On March 11, 2002, the Department received a copy of an Application for Amendment to Certificate of Authorization for Little Sumter Utility Company for extension of water and wastewater service in Marion and Sumter Counties, Florida. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Department of Community Affairs, the Department will provide information to the PSC regarding the relationship of the certificate application and the Marion County and Sumter County comprehensive plans, including information about land use categories, including densities and intensities of use. The Department has completed its review and offers the following comments:

The lands to be added to the service area of the utility company in Marion County (Areas A and B) were recently added to the Villages of Marion Florida Quality Development (FQD). Area C is an existing recreational area and is not part of The Villages development. Area E is a combination of existing Villages of Sumter property and two outparcels with Commercial land use. Area F is adjacent to the Villages of Sumter and has an existing Commercial land use with an office on the site. Area D as shown of Exhibit "E" of the application has been proposed to be added to the Tri County Villages Development of Regional Impact (DRI) in a recent Notice of Proposed Change. Area G is adjacent to Tri County Villages DRI. A land use change has been submitted to allow development of high density residential on this site.

Based on the current Marion County and Sumter County comprehensive plans, the proposed expansion by Little Sumter Utility Company to service the above described areas is consistent with or is anticipated to be consistent with the above comprehensive plans. The

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Department understands there is a need for water and wastewater public service for the expanded service area and, in fact, central water and wastewater services were required by the development orders for the Villages of Marion, Tri County Villages and Villages of Sumter County development orders. The Department recommends that the Florida Public Service Commission coordinate with Sumter County to ensure that the proposed expansion for service areas "D" and "G" become effective once the plan amendments are adopted and in effect.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Ron Horlick, Planner IV, in the Bureau of Local Planning at (850) 922-1801.

Sincerely Yours,



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