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Re: Notice of Application for an Original Certificate

Dear Ms. Bayo:

The City of Edgewater, Volusia County, Florida is in receipt of the Notice of Application for an Original Certificate dated December 20, 2002, by the Farnton Water Resources, LLC to provide water service to property described in Volusia and Brevard counties, Florida. The City of Edgewater objects to the Florida Public Service Commission's approval of the application. The grounds for objection are:

- 1) The northern portion of the described property is located within the Chapter 180 Reserve Area as adopted by the Edgewater City Council (Ordinance 88-O-12, May 2, 1988);
- 2) A portion of the described property is within the Service Area Agreement for water and sewer service between the City of Edgewater and Volusia County (adopted September 2, 1999);
- 3) The City of Edgewater's existing wellfield is located adjacent to the northeast described property of the application. The City is concerned about an adverse draw-down impact to the existing wellfield. The City is opposed to any potential adverse impact to any existing City potable water supply well.
- 4) A portion of the area described in the application is within the City of Edgewater's Planning Area for future services which include water and sewer service (Resolution 89-R-59);
- 5) The portion of the area outside the City's Planning Area is designated in Volusia County's Comprehensive Plan as Conservation, Environmental Systems Corridor and Forestry Resource, Rural and Agricultural Resource. The designated land uses do not require potable water service. The introduction of a new potable water service area will encourage urban sprawl;

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- 6) The Volusia Water Alliance and the SJRWMD have recently completed and adopted a publicly-funded Water Supply Plan which describes a future severe potable water supply deficit for existing Volusia water providers. Existing water providers are creating an "entity" to manage and maximize the safe withdrawal and supply of potable water. The creation of a new water supplier will not benefit the public, existing water providers or the applicant; and
- 7) The area identified for the Farnton Water Resource Service Area can be supplied by existing water providers. The area can be served with potable water and without duplication of public utilities resulting in a savings of the expenditure of public money. Existing publicly owned utilities can be cost-effectively expanded to serve the area if potable water service is needed.

In summary, the City of Edgewater objects to the granting of a Certificate for a water service area to Farnton Water Resources, LLC. The described property in Volusia County is located within the City of Edgewater's Chapter 180 Reserve. If the Farnton Service Area requires potable water service (based on a comprehensive plan change to allow urban development) the City of Edgewater can and will provide potable water service to the area.

The City of Edgewater respectfully requests the Public Service Commission deny the application, direct Farnton Water Resources, LLC to contact the City of Edgewater to determine future water demand and water service availability.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Schmidt
Mayor

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cc: F. Marshall Deterding, Esquire