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The Colinas Group, Inc. **Receivers for the Lazy S Utility Company** 2033 E. Edgewood Drive Lakeland, FL 33803 863-669-9141 **December 2, 2003**

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Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services **Public Service Commission** 2540 Shumard Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Lazy S Utility Company

Director:

Enclosed for processing is the original and five copies of the Application for an Original Certificate for an Existing System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges. This is for the Lazy S Utility water system in Polk County.

Please be advised that we have been receivers since February of 2003. The financial records prior to that time are unavailable. As receivers we have properly sampled the water in the system, paired numerous leaks and have 98% of the customers making payments. This is an economically depressed area with many people on fixed incomes. We have also shut off service in cases where payments of some sort were not received. Rates in February were increased from \$10 or \$20 per month to a standard flat rate of \$35.50. We have also collected a deposit of \$35.50 from most of the users. Others took and option to pay \$6.00 per month for six months. Total collected from customers \$31,150 in eight months.

All water is supplied by the City of Lakeland.

We will need an updated list of all other utilities in the county in order to properly notify all other utilities in the county.

DISTRIBUTION CENTER This utility has no assets. There is no equipment, office furniture or stationary. The metergare 3 DEC -3 NM 10: 15 old and have long since ceased being an asset.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$375. The balance will be paid next month.

Very truly yours,

AUS CAF CMP

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OPC MMS

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Charles & Freed

Charles S. Freed, P.E. OTH _____ for the receivers of the Lazy S Utility Company

Check received with filing and forwarded to Fiscal for deposit. Fiscal to forward deposit information to Records. DOCUMENT NUMBER-DAT

Initials of person who forwarded check:

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