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**DATE:** June 4, 2007  
**TO:** Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services  
**FROM:** Division of Economic Regulation (Gerald D. Edwards, Engineering Specialist III)  
**RE:** Docket No. 050862-WU Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case by County-Wide Utility in Marion County

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Enclosed is a letter that was submitted by the Marion County Fire Marshal. Please include the attached copy in the docket file listed above.  
Thanks.

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May 30, 2007

Mr. Gerald Edwards  
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RE: Docket No. 050862-WU

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I recently viewed a document regarding the above case. In the document, a phone conversation between you and I is paraphrased. I would like to clarify the position of Marion County Fire-Rescue regarding this issue with two points:

1. Regarding fire protection and fire flow: Marion County Fire-Rescue does not directly regulate utilities but rather requires those placing developments and/or new construction to provide for fire protection which *may* involve a utility company and fire-hydrants.

While a new residential development and/or commercial construction may be required to meet current codes and provide for fire protection; existing subdivisions such as Bahia Oaks are not required to meet the current code (place hydrants).

2. While subdivisions such as Bahia Oaks are not required to meet the existing code; Marion County Fire-Rescue actively encourages any improvements to water systems, specifically fire hydrants. These improvements enhance public safety and provide for reasonable insurance premiums for the citizens of Marion County.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Nevels  
Division Chief / Fire Marshal  
Marion County Fire-Rescue

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