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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20230114-WS - Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Volusia County, by Applegate Utility, LLC.

Dear Mr. Deterding:

Please provide the information requested below regarding Applegate Utility, LLC (Applegate or Utility) to the Office of Commission Clerk by Thursday, February 8, 2024.

1. Please refer to Applegate's supplemental filing on October 20, 2023, which included a schedule showing the number and types of customers being served. For the 56 offsite water only connections, who provides wastewater service to these customers?
2. If known, please identify when the water and wastewater systems were constructed and placed into service.
3. Please refer to the Utility's application, page 4, Part II, Section D, No. 1. Please provide the date of when the water and wastewater systems were acquired.
4. Please refer to the Utility's application, Exhibit G. Please identify if the 99-year lease provided is a recorded lease.
5. Please refer to the Utility's application, Exhibit E. The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Volusia County completed a compliance inspection of the water system and identified four deficiencies, which are listed below. Please explain when the corrective actions were completed. If no corrective actions have been taken as of yet, please describe how and when the Utility intends to correct the deficiencies.

Volusia County DOH Deficiencies	Corrective Action
Aerator cascade trays are covered with algae and slime. <u>DOH Recommended Corrective Action:</u> Clean the cascade tray as specified in the Operations and Maintenance manual. Complete by May 9, 2022.	
Aerator screens are covered with algae inside and outside. <u>DOH Recommended Corrective Action:</u> Clean or replace the aerator screens. Complete by May 9, 2022.	
Algae was observed on the piping between the concrete aeration settling tanks. <u>DOH Recommended Corrective Action:</u> Remove vegetation growing on piping between the concrete storage tanks. Complete by May 9, 2022.	
Free chlorine residual was found below 0.2 PPM at the facility's remote sample site. Please note that this deficiency was observed on both 4/6/22 and 4/7/22. The operator corrected these deficiencies when notified, however the lack of chlorine chemical at the facility is direct cause of this deficiency. <u>DOH Recommended Corrective Action:</u> Please report what actions will be taken to maintain a continuous minimum free chlorine residual of 0.2 PPM. Please provide a copy of the new chlorine delivery contract. Complete by May 9, 2022.	

Please file all responses electronically at the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please contact Melinda Watts by phone at (850) 413-6952 or email at mwatts@psc.state.fl.us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Emily Knoblauch

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230114-WS)