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SYSTEM: LEISURE LAKES AND MARCO SHORES WASTEWATER
COUNTIES: HIGHLANDS AND COLLIER

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SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Jim Grob and my business address is 2295 Victoria Avenue, Ft. Myers, Florida 33904.

Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and experience.

A. I received a BS in Business Administration and a BS in Environmental Studies from Ramapo College of New Jersey in 1981. I have five years experience in the environmental regulatory field, currently as an Environmental Manager-Domestic Waste in the Department of Environmental Regulation's Ft. Myers office.

Q. By whom are you presently employed?

A. I am an Environmental Manager at the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER).

Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental Regulation and in what capacity?

A. I have been employed with the FDER since December, 1989 as an Environmental Manager.

Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of Environmental Regulation?

A. I am responsible for Compliance/Enforcement activities related to Domestic Waste Facilities for the South District.

Q. Are you familiar with the Marco Shores wastewater system in Collier County and the Leisure Lakes wastewater system in Highlands County?

A. Yes.

1 Q. Does the utility have a current operating or construction
2 permit from the FDER?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Please state the issuance date and the expiration date of the
5 operating permit.

6 A. Marco Shores current permit was issued December 20, 1988 and expires
7 December 20, 1993. Leisure Lakes operating permit was issued on May 19, 1988
8 and expires on May 19, 1993.

9 Q. Please state whether the permit is a temporary operating permit,
10 and if so, please describe the permit terms.

11 A. The permit is not a temporary operating permit.

12 Q. Are the plants in compliance with their permits?

13 A. Yes, the plants are in compliance with the permits.

14 Q. Are the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities
15 adequate to serve present customers based on permitted capacity?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are the treatment and disposal facilities located in accordance
18 with Section 17-600, Florida Administrative Code?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Has the FDER required the utility to take any action so as to minimize
21 possible adverse effects resulting from odors, noise, aerosol drift
22 or lighting?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do the pump stations and lift stations meet DER requirements with
25 respect to location, reliability, and safety?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter
3 17-602, Florida Administrative Code?

4 A. Yes, and the utility's plant staffing is sufficient.

5 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment, collection, and
6 disposal facilities satisfactory?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do the facilities meet all applicable technology based
9 effluent limitations (TBELS) and water quality based effluent limitations
10 (WQBELS)?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do the facilities meet the effluent disposal requirements of
13 Section 17, Florida Administrative Code?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are the collection, treatment, and disposal facilities in compliance
16 with all the other provisions of Title 17, Florida Administrative Code,
17 not previously mentioned?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Have either of the plants been the subject of any Department of
20 Environmental Regulation enforcement action within the past two years?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Is Marco Shores in a critical water use area?

23 A. Yes. The Marco Shores system is in a critical water supply area and the
24 utility uses ponds for effluent disposal. The FDER believes that this meets
25 reuse criteria.

1 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?
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