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DEAR DIRECTOR,

THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CARRIAGE VILLAGE WERE NOT GIVEN THE FACTS CONCERNING THEIR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. IN FACT, THEY WERE MISLED INTO BELIEVING THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE.

WE HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION BY NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY, INC.

WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT CARRIAGE VILLAGE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER.

NORTH FORT MYERS IS NOT A MUNICIPAL UTILITY, IT IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION.

WE COULD BE REQUIRED AT A LATER DATE TO HOOK UP TO A MUNICIPAL UTILITY AND INCUR DUPLICATE EXPENSES FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS. THERE ARE MANY SHAREHOLDERS WHO WILL FIND THIS PRESENT EXPENSE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO PAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR CONCERNS.

SINCERELY,

E. Duane Ackerman

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WHAT THIS MEANS TO EACH SHAREHOLDER:

PERSONAL COST TO EACH SHAREHOLDER TO CONTRACT WITH NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY:

\$740.00 HOOK UP FEE
\$31.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT
MONTHLY FEES OF \$10.09 AND
\$3.66 PER 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER USED

PERSONAL COST TO EACH SHAREHOLDER TO BRING OUR PRESENT SYSTEM INTO COMPLIANCE:

PAID OUT OF CASH RESERVES COLLECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS.

\$2,000.00 ENGINEERING STUDY PAID 4/30/94
\$3,000.00 ENGINEERING COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION
PAID 6/30/94
\$40,000.00 TO \$45,000.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION

PRESENT CASH RESERVES COLLECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE EXCEED \$100,000.00.

NOW YOU HAVE THE FACTS.

YOU MAY STILL WISH TO SPEND YOUR PERSONAL MONEY TO "HOOK ON" TO THE NORTH FORT MYERS SYSTEM.

OR YOU MAY WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER AND AT THE VERY LEAST HAVE THE NECESSARY STUDIES COMPLETED.

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE NOT UNDER ANY FORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION AT THIS TIME.

FACTS ABOUT THE CARRIAGE VILLAGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT THAT ARE KNOWN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUT HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED TO ALL THE SHAREHOLDERS. THIS INFORMATION IS BEING PRESENTED SO THAT YOU ARE MORE INFORMED AND KNOW WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

LETTER 11/5/93 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

" THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS NOT INITIATED FORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION WITH CARRIAGE VILLAGE "

LETTER 9/13/93 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

" THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO AN EXTENSION OF THE TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF ITEMS NO. 1 AND NO. 3 AS IDENTIFIED IN DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE DATED 7/29/93 "

" NO LATER THAN 12/15/93 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE IN RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ITEMS NO. 1 AND NO. 3, AS WELL AS A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THIS LETTER REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE ENGINEERING EVALUATION OF THE CHLORINE CONTACT CHAMBER "

LETTER 7/29/93 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

" 1. WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER, AN ENGINEERING REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ADDRESSING THE EXISTING DISPOSAL CAPACITY OF THE THREE PERMITTED PERCOLATION PONDS AND THE SUBSURFACE IRRIGATION SYSTEM. "

" 3. WITHIN 60 DAYS, ALL DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE INFILTRATION IN THE CARRIAGE VILLAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH PROPOSED STEPS FOR CONTINUED REDUCTION IN THE INFILTRATION CONCERNS AT THE CARRIAGE VILLAGE FACILITY. "

LETTER 11/1/93 BARBOT, STEUART AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

" ENGINEERING COSTS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$2,000.00 THROUGH 4/30/94 TO PERFORM THE STUDIES AND PRODUCE THE REPORTS REQUESTED BY DER (FDEP). "

" BASED ON THESE REPORTS THE DER (FDEP) MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS TO THE PLANT IN THE FORM OF SURGE TANKS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CHLORINE CONTACT CAPACITY. "

" ENGINEERING COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND APPLICATIONS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$3,000.00. THESE WOULD BE SUBMITTED ABOUT 6/30/94. "

" CONSTRUCTION COSTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$40,000.00 TO \$45,000.00. "

" CONSTRUCTION PERMITS NORMALLY RUN FOR 5 YEARS AND THIS SHOULD ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO FINANCE SUCH A PROJECT. "