

**PROTEST OF PROPOSED TRANSFER
OF WATER CERTIFICATE NO. 388-W**

JAN 25, 1995

I, BENJAMIN R HICKS, pursuant to the Public Notice published on December 30, 1994, do hereby formally protest the proposed transfer by Tamiami Village Utility, Inc. of its water certificate No. 388-W to Tamiami Village Water Company, Inc. I question whether the proposed transferee possesses the experience, expertise, and/or financial ability to properly own and operate the utility. I also question whether the proposed transferee will fulfill the commitments, obligations and representations of the proposed seller with regard to utility matters.

Ultimately, I question whether the proposed transfer is in the public interest. I request the Commission to convene in formal hearing to resolve all material disputed facts before rendering a decision concerning this application.

Sincerely,

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