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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TONI TOUART

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2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. Toni Touart, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 160
4 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida 32501-5794.

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

7 A. I have a B.S. in Biology, a B.S. in Science Interdisciplinary, and an
8 MPA in Coastal Zone Studies.

9 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

10 A. I am employed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
11 (FDEP).

12 Q. How long have you been employed with the FDEP and in what capacity?

13 A. I have been employed by FDEP for approximately 12 years in a regulatory
14 position. I am currently working as an Environmental Specialist II in the
15 Water Facilities Compliance/Enforcement Section.

16 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the FDEP?

17 A. I supervise the industrial wastewater/domestic wastewater compliance/
18 enforcement activities to insure the facilities under our preview operate in
19 compliance with permitted requirements and state regulations as they pertain
20 to Chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

21 Q. Are you familiar with the Southern States Utilities, Inc. wastewater
22 systems located in Northwest District?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were these systems inspected by you, or by FDEP staff under your
25 supervision?

1 | A. This system is inspected by our branch office personnel.
2 | Sunny Hills Wastewater System
3 | Q. Does the utility have current operating or construction permits from the
4 | FDEP for the Sunny Hills wastewater system (Sunny Hills)?
5 | A. Yes.
6 | Q. Please state the issuance dates and the expiration dates of the
7 | operating or construction permits.
8 | A. Operation Permit D067-183836 was issued on September 28, 1990, with an
9 | expiration date of September 24, 1995. An application for permit renewal was
10 | submitted on July 26, 1995, and is currently under review.
11 | Q. Are the plants in compliance with FDEP issued permits?
12 | A. Yes.
13 | Q. Are the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities
14 | adequate to serve present customers based on permitted capacity?
15 | A. Yes.
16 | Q. Are the treatment and disposal facilities located in accordance with
17 | Rule 62-600, Florida Administrative Code?
18 | A. Yes.
19 | Q. Has the FDEP required the utility to take any action so as to minimize
20 | possible adverse effects resulting from odors, noise, aerosol drift or
21 | lighting?
22 | A. No.
23 | Q. Do the pump stations and lift stations meet FDEP requirements with
24 | respect to location, reliability and safety?
25 | A. Yes.

1 | Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Rule 61E12-41,
2 | Florida Administrative Code?
3 | A. Yes.
4 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment, collection, and disposal
5 | facilities satisfactory?
6 | A. Yes.
7 | Q. Does the facility meet the effluent disposal requirements of Rules
8 | 62-600 and 62-610, Florida Administrative Code?
9 | A. Yes.
10 | Q. Are the collection, treatment and disposal facilities in compliance with
11 | all the other provisions of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, not
12 | previously mentioned?
13 | A. Yes.
14 | Q. Has Sunny Hills been the subject of any FDEP enforcement action within
15 | the past two years?
16 | A. No.
17 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?
18 | A. No, I do not.
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