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1 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEBORAH LEE OBLACZYNSKI

2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. Deborah Lee Oblaczynski, State of Florida, Department of Environmental
4 Protection, 1900 S. Congress Ave., Suite A, P. O. Box 15425, West Palm Beach,
5 Florida 33416.

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

8 A. I have a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences with an
9 interdisciplinary minor in chemistry and physics from Florida State
10 University. I graduated in December 1989. I have one year and two months
11 experience as an Environmental Chemist with McGinnes Laboratories, Inc. in
12 West Palm Beach. I have been employed for four years and six months as an
13 environmental specialist in the drinking water section of the Florida
14 Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). One year and four months as
15 an Environmental Specialist I and three years and two months as an
16 Environmental Specialist II.

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

18 A. My responsibilities include tracking and determining compliance with
19 monitoring and reporting requirements for public water systems in Martin
20 County, and inspections of approximately 100 public water systems in Martin
21 County. I also coordinate compliance for those public water systems as
22 determined by the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes. I also
23 have some enforcement responsibilities for systems that are out of compliance.

24 Q. Are you familiar with the Southern States Utilities, Inc. water systems
25 located in the Southeast District?

1 A. Yes.

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

4 A. Yes, I have inspected them.

5 Fisherman's Haven Water System

6 Q. Does the utility have a current construction permit from the FDEP for
7 Fisherman's Haven Water System (Fisherman's Haven)?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system
10 sufficient to serve its present customers?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure
13 throughout the distribution system?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
16 of a power outage?

17 A. No. No auxiliary power is not provided. The requirement for auxiliary
18 power is based on a population of 350 or more persons and/or 150 or more
19 service connections. Information submitted to the Department by the Southern
20 States Utilities indicates a population of 303 persons and 133 service
21 connections. Therefore, Fisherman's Haven is not required to install and
22 maintain auxiliary power at this time.

23 Q. Are the utility's water wells for Fisherman's Haven located in
24 compliance with Rule 62-555, Florida Administrative Code?

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. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
5 | accordance with Rule 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?
6 | A. Yes. The cross connection control program is on file with the
7 | Department.
8 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution
9 | facilities satisfactory?
10 | A. Yes.
11 | Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
12 | maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?
13 | A. Yes.
14 | Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Rule
15 | 62-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?
16 | A. Yes.
17 | Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to
18 | regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?
19 | A. No.
20 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
21 | equivalent throughout the distribution system?
22 | A. Yes.
23 | Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other
24 | provisions of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously
25 | mentioned?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Has Fisherman's Haven been the subject of any FDEP enforcement action
3 within the past two years?

4 A. No.

5 Fox Run Water System

6 Q. Does the utility have a current construction permit from the FDEP for
7 the Fox Run Water System (Fox Run)?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system
10 sufficient to serve its present customers?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure
13 throughout the distribution system?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
16 of a power outage?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Are the utility's water wells for Fox Run located in compliance with
19 Rule 62-555, Florida Administrative Code?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Rule 61E12-41,
22 Florida Administrative Code?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
25 accordance with Rule 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

1 | A. Yes. The cross connection control program is on file with the
2 | Department.

3 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution
4 | facilities satisfactory?

5 | A. Yes.

6 | Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
7 | maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?

8 | A. Yes.

9 | Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Rule
10 | 62-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?

11 | A. Yes.

12 | Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to
13 | regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?

14 | A. No.

15 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
16 | equivalent throughout the distribution system?

17 | A. Yes.

18 | Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other
19 | provisions of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously
20 | mentioned?

21 | A. Yes.

22 | Q. Has Fox Run been the subject of any FDEP enforcement action within the
23 | past two years?

24 | A. Yes. The Department and Fox Run resolved the issue of iron exceeding
25 | the maximum contaminant level by permitting and constructing modifications to

1 | the water treatment system, specifically, addition of filters. The
2 | enforcement case was closed January 3, 1995.

3 | Leilani Heights Water System

4 | Q. Does the utility have a current construction permit from the FDEP for
5 | the Leilani Heights Water System (Leilani Heights)?

6 | A. Yes.

7 | Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system
8 | sufficient to serve its present customers?

9 | A. Yes.

10 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure
11 | throughout the distribution system?

12 | A. Yes.

13 | Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
14 | of a power outage?

15 | A. Yes.

16 | Q. Are the utility's water wells for Leilani Heights located in compliance
17 | with Rule 62-555, Florida Administrative Code?

18 | A. Yes.

19 | Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Rule 61E12-41,
20 | Florida Administrative Code?

21 | A. Yes.

22 | Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
23 | accordance with Rule 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

24 | A. Yes. The cross connection control program is on file with the
25 | Department.

1 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution
2 facilities satisfactory?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
5 maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Rule
8 62-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to
11 regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?
12 A. No.
13 Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
14 equivalent throughout the distribution system?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other
17 provisions of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously
18 mentioned?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Has Leilani Heights been the subject of any FDEP enforcement action
21 within the past two years?
22 A. No.
23 Q. Do you have anything further to add?
24 A. No, I do not.
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