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# Public Service Commission

May 22, 1996

Ms. Kay Greenbury  
President  
Arrowsmith Corporation  
23811 Telegraph Road  
Southfield, Michigan 48037

Re: Docket No. 960229-SU - Application of Forest Utilities, Inc.  
For Amendment of Certificate No. 300-S in Lee County.

Dear Ms. Greenbury:

With reference to our telephone conversation of this date and your letter dated March 25, 1996, opposing Forest Utilities, Inc.'s notice of its intent to extend its service territory, it appears that there is a misunderstanding. When a regulated utility wants to extend its service area, it must file an application with this Commission and notice those who will be substantially affected in the territory it is requesting to serve. The notice must also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Forest Utilities, Inc. filed an application on February 23, 1996, to extend its service area to include additional territory in Lee County. If the extension is granted by the Commission, Forest Utilities, Inc. will be authorized to serve anyone in the additional territory who requests service. However, existing companies within the territory will not be required to connect to the utility.

If you wish to continue to oppose the expansion, a hearing will be scheduled in which you must provide testimony or other evidence supporting your protest. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may also want to hire an attorney to represent you. Alternately, the Office of Public Counsel may agree to handle the matter on your behalf. The Office of Public Counsel is the agency authorized by the Florida Statutes to represent utility customers in proceedings before the

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Commission. You can contact the Office of Public Counsel at 904-488-9330.

Please advise us by June 3, 1996, if you are still opposed to the Forest Utilities, Inc.'s proposed extension. If you no longer wish to oppose the extension, please send us a letter withdrawing your protest by that same date.

If you have any questions or if we can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Paralegal

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