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August 8, 1996

TO : RAJ AGARWAL, DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: MARTHA GOLDEN, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER

RE: DOCKET NO. 951235-WB; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY DECLARING MANATEE COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 367, FLORIDA STATUTES - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR PROVISION OF WATER

SERVICE BY PRACTO STEEL CORPORATION

On October 10, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County adopted Resolution No. R-95-109, pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes, declaring that as of October 10, 1995, the water and wastewater utilities in that County shall become subject to the provision of the Water and Wastewater Regulatory Law, Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The resolution was acknowledged by this Commission on November 9, 1995, by Order No. PSC-95-1393-FOF-WS. Pursuant to Section 367.131, Florida Statutes, a utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission must obtain a certificate of authorization or an order recognizing the exempt status of the system.

On December 4, 1995, this Commission received an application from Practo Steel Corporation (Practo Steel) for a landlord-tenant exemption pursuant to Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. The primary contact person for Practo Steel is Harold P. Schaffner. The mailing address for the above contact person and utility is 3608 Avenida Madera, Bradenton, Florida 34210-3727. The physical address of the utility is 1404 18th Avenue Drive East, Palmetto, Florida.

The applicant, operating as a sole proprietor, has filed in accordance with Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes and Rules 25-30.060(1), (2), and (3)(e), Florida Administrative Code. Included with the application was a statement that the landlord provides water service solely to its tenants and that the charge for such service is non-specifically contained in the rental charges. Wastewater service is provided by septic tank. The application contained a copy of the landlord's most recent version of a standard warehouse lease. Additionally, the applicant acknowledged Section 367.06, Florida Statutes, regarding false statements.

Based on the above, an administrative order should be issued within thirty days approving Practo Steel Corporation Application DAIL

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for exemption pursuant to Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. In the event of any change of circumstances or method of operation, Practo Steel or its successor(s) in interest, should be ordered to notify the Commission within thirty days of such change so that its exempt status may be reevaluated. Additionally, staff recommends that this docket should remain open for the processing of additional applications.

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