MEMORANDUM

August 30, 1996

TO:

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM:

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (AGARWAL PA

RE:

DOCKET NO. 960132-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Broward County by MHC-DeAnza Financing

Limited Partnership d/b/a Colonies Water Company

Please file the attached letter in the above referenced docket.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Dewberry, Davis)

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Maggi O'Sullivan, Esquire Division of Legal Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Colonies Water Company Our File No. 30096.01

Dear Maggi:

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As you and Raj have recently requested, I am writing this letter to clear up some concerns raised about the ownership of property by Colonies Water Company. As you know, Colonies is simply an operating division of a limited partnership, MHC-DeAnza Financing Limited Partnership, therefore the legal entity which owns the Utility assets is in effect that limited partnership. That limited partnership also is the owner of the land on which the Utility facilities are located. Documentation to that effect was provided in the recent transfer docket prior to approval. Since Colonies itself is not a separate legal entity, but merely a division of that limited partnership, it could not separately own the land in any case. Therefore, the owner of the land and the owner of the Utility are one and the same.

If you have any further questions or you need any further information in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & HENTZE

F. Marshall Deterding For The Firm

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cc: Raj Agarwal, Esquire (via hand delivery and facsimile)
Ms. Paulette Dewberry (via hand delivery and facsimile)