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February 17, 1997

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 90067-WU

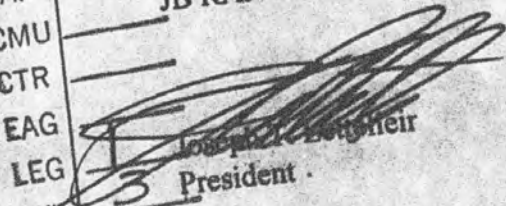
Dear Ms. Bayo:

To clarify the record, I want to clarify my letter of December 24, 1996. Because of the abrupt and unusual nature of the Notice of Amendment of Application and the pleadings that have been filed in the above-reference document, JB Ranch is in doubt as to the precise status of the Application. If the Public Service Commission determines that the JB Ranch property has been eliminated from the Application, we no longer believe it would be appropriate for us to withdraw our protest. Our December 24, 1996 letter is not and should not be considered a notice to withdraw our protest. We have previously given notice that we reject that suggestion in our Memorandum in Opposition and Response to Motion to Dismiss Protests, served on January 8, 1997.

My letter was in the nature of an inquiry as to the status of the Application. I have had no response to my inquiry and, therefore, would respectfully withdraw it.

Sincerely,

JB RANCH


Joseph P. Beighner
President

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for amendment
of Certificate No. 427-W to add
territory in Marion County by
Windstream Utilities Company.

Docket No. 960867-WU

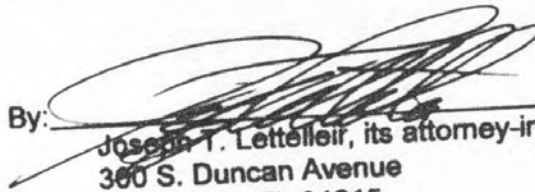
**JB RANCH'S REPLY TO WINDSTREAM'S RESPONSE
TO MARION COUNTY'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Petitioner, **BARRETT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IV, LTD**, a Florida limited partnership (hereinafter "JB Ranch"), files this Reply to Windstream's Response to Marion County's Petition for Leave to Intervene, filed by Windstream Utilities Co., Inc. ("Windstream"). We concur and adopt the arguments of Marion County as our own.

WHEREFORE, JB Ranch requests that its party status be recognized and the County's Petition to Intervene be granted, or that the PSC fashion such relief as will accord Marion County and JB Ranch their due process rights to a hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

BARRETT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, IV

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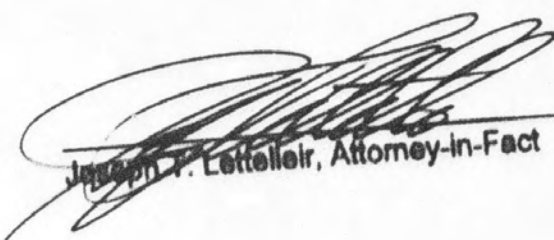
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