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Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: #00067-WU; Application for Amendment of Certificate No.
427-W to Add Territory in Marion County by Windstream
Utilities Company.

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find original and twelve (12) copies of information requested in
letter dated February 11, 1997, with regards to above Docket number.

Our response is identified by reference to the question number in Staff letter.

Of further information is required, please contact our office at (352) 620-8290.

Sincerely,

Shari Dlouhy, President

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CC: F. Marshall Deterding and Martin Friedman
Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP
Richard Rodeman, P.E.

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**RE: Docket #960867-WU; Application for Amendment
of Certificate #427-W to Add Territory in Marion
County by Windstream Utilities**

1 & 6. Windstream has been having discussions with certain developments within the proposed area concerning request for service though no developer agreements for service have been entered into at this time. With the existing service areas we now service, it only makes sense that the areas in between and within the one (1) mile area of our service areas be served by us.

There is no common ownership interest between Windstream and the development companies that operate in the proposed service territories. Developers in Windstream's service area are not obligated to contribute on-site distribution facilities in accordance with the current language within the Utility's tariff.

At the time of the Majestic Oaks application, Windstream Utilities had the vision of anticipating future development in the surrounding area due to the other developments being proposed on the SR 200 corridor. We, therefore, put in place two (2) 12" wells (1 used for backup) to provide the capacity needed at a future point (somewhere between 7 to 12 years). The capacity of our facilities is 1,000,000 gpd. with backup of 1,000,000 gpd., but the permitted withdrawals are only 580,000 gpd. As future service is needed, our consumer use permit will be amended.

Windstream Utilities has ample capacity within its existing facilities to enable it to continue to provide service in the short term to its existing customers and the new area proposed for service. There is no anticipated immediate need for capital improvements other than lines which will be contributed by those requesting service. The existing lines in our current system are such that service can be provided for the new area.

As time goes by, Windstream will need to expand its existing treatment plant and the cost of such will be funded through a combination of required contributions and infusion of either debt or equity capital. Windstream Utilities has the ability to obtain any needed funds in addition to CIAC in order to accomplish these expansions.

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With the above upgraded treatment plant's ability to service the proposed new area, expansion of Windstream's territory will only allow it to better utilize its existing facilities and take advantage of economies of scale to eliminate any losses. The capital requirements on Windstream should be fairly minor as the customer base grows because the majority of the new cost will be borne by the new customers in the proposed new territory. As such Windstream anticipates that the expansion of service territory will have little or no impact on it's rates. The need of these new capital improvements are not anticipated at least for the next 3 to 5 years.

- 1 (d). There are three (3) notes that Windstream Utilities has to pay with regards to developer agreements.

Majestic Oaks note (3/90) was interest free with interest being paid on principal balance after the fifth year which had not been paid at the year end of 12/95.

Pidgeon Park (extension to Majestic Oaks) note is interest free. There are two (2) notes. First, is payable with our \$515.00 service availability charges. Second note is a 10 year note which starts with payments after 50 homes are on line.

Sun Country Estates note (11/93) is interest free with interest being paid on principal balance after the fifth year starting year end 1998.

The approximate date for interconnection of the Sun Country water plant and Majestic Oaks water plant depends upon granting of our extension request and upon growth within the area which is outside our knowledge or control. However, if development proceeds as anticipated we envision this interconnection to occur within the next 5 to 7 years.

- 1 (e) I have requested this information from our accountants and will forward response within the next week.

4.	Type of Capacity	Majestic Oaks Plant	Sun Country Plant
	Permitted	580,000 gpd	
	" (backup)	580,000 gpd	100,000 gpd
	Present Use	185,000 gpd	16,450 gpd
	Build Out	377,000 gpd	72,800 gpd
	Balance of Permitted	203,000 gpd	10,750 gpd

Distribution lines are in place for complete build out of existing service area.

5.	Permit numbers and dates:	DEP	SWFWMD
	Majestic Oaks Plant	#6424678 (6/89)	#209360 (12/88)
	Sun Country Estates	#6424618 ('81)	#206619 ('81)

2. **Corrected territory description of the exception - see Exhibit "2-A"**

**Description of territory to be eliminated per amended application -
see Exhibit "2-B"**

3. **See Exhibit "3-A"**

7. **Enclosed. Exhibits "7-A"**

8. **Enclosed.**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICE AREA

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 367.045, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULE 25-30.030, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY WINDSTREAM UTILITIES COMPANY, P.O. BOX 4201, OCALA, FLORIDA, 34478, OF ITS APPLICATION TO EXTEND ITS SERVICE AREA TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS IN MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

AND

THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

AND

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE N.E. 1/4, AND THAT PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING SOUTH AND EAST OF STATE ROAD 200.

AND

SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THAT PART OF SECTIONS 8, 17, AND 18, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING SOUTH AND EAST OF STATE ROAD 200.

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND EXCEPT:

FROM THE S.W. CORNER OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN N 0°19'46" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 859.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 200; THENCE RUN N 41°47'57" E ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1017.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 0°26'05" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 1621.43 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE CONTINUE S 0°26'05" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 1323.60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 89°43'37" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 651.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUE S 89°43'47" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1377.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 0°25'25" W, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 40.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1321.19 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 0°26'43" W, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 40.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1321.50 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE RUN S 89°59'04" W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 2637 FEET ± TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUE S 89°59'04" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 290.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 0°31'41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1995.16 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 89°45'19" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 290.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 0°31'41" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1987 FEET ± TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL LYING AND BEING IN MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OF THE ABOVE NOTED EXTENSION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, 32399-0870, AND A COPY PROVIDED TO F. MARSHALL DETERDING, ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, 2548 BLAIRSTONE PINES DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, 32301, NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE THIS NOTICE WAS MAILED OR PUBLISHED WHICHEVER IS LATER.

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CURRENT PROPOSED AND EXISTING SERVICE
 AREA OF WINDSTREAM UTILITIES CO.

SECTION 8-18-21

LEGEND:

-  WINDSTREAM UTILITIES CO. CURRENT PROPOSED ADDITION TO EXISTING SERVICE AREA
-  AREA NOW SERVED BY WINDSTREAM UTILITIES
-  AREAS SERVED BY OTHER UTILITIES



NOT TO SCALE

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