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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 960576-WS

MAD HATTER UTILITY, INC.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF

WATER AND WASTEWATER CERTIFICATE

NOS. 340-W AND 297-S IN PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH SQUITIERI

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is Joseph Squitieri. My address is 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33601.

Q. By whom are you employed?

A. I am employed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Q. Is the DEP the successor in interest to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (DER)?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Mad Hatter Utility, Inc., have permits to operate wastewater treatment facilities from the DER?

A. Yes. It held permits to operate the Turtle Lakes and Foxwood wastewater treatment plants.

Q. Did any of those permits ever expire?

A. Mad Hatter's permit for Turtle Lakes expired in April of 1991.

Q. Did Mad Hatter file a timely extension for that permit?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. What is the effect of the expiration of the
3 permit?

4 A. Without a DER permit, Mad Hatter could not legally
5 operate a wastewater treatment plant.

6 Q. Did Mad Hatter continue to operate the Turtle
7 Lakes plant despite the fact the permit expired?

8 A. Yes. Mad Hatter continued to operate the plant
9 until the connection to Pasco County Utilities on August 30,
10 1991.

11 Q. Did the DER ever revoke any of Mad Hatter's
12 permits?

13 A. Yes. The DER revoked Mad Hatter's permit to
14 operate the Foxwood wastewater treatment plant.

15 Q. Why did the DER revoke Mad Hatter's permit to
16 operate the Foxwood plant?

17 A. The DER revoked the permit due to numerous
18 violations of state pollution regulations and the
19 requirements of the permit.

20 Q. Does Mad Hatter today have a license to operate a
21 wastewater treatment plant.

22 A. Yes. It has a license to operate the Linda Lakes
23 wastewater treatment plant.

24 Q. What is the permitted capacity of the Linda Lakes
25 wastewater treatment plant?

1 A. The permitted capacity is 20,000 gallons per day
2 (GPD).

3 Q. What is the actual flow of sewage through the
4 Linda Lakes wastewater treatment plant?

5 A. The flow has an average of approximately 10,000 to
6 12,000 GPD but the DEP understands that Mad Hatter plans to
7 serve additional customers and thus the committed flow is
8 approximately 19,000 GPD.

9 Q. Has Mad Hatter filed any permit applications to
10 build or expand its current wastewater treatment capacity?

11 A. As of this date, the DEP has received no such
12 applications.

13 Q. Did Mad Hatter Utilities consent to revocation of
14 the Foxwood wastewater treatment permit?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did Mad Hatter Utilities also agree to pay a fine
17 to the DER for violating the permit?

18 A. Yes.

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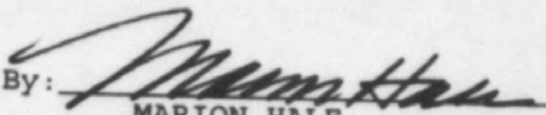
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