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1 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PETER SCRENOCK

2 Q. Please state your name and business address?

3 A. Peter Screnock, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3804
4 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619.

5 Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and
6 experience.

7 A. B.S. in Environmental Science from Ramapo College of New Jersey, 1985.
8 Licensed operator for water & wastewater treatment plants.

9 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

10 A. I am employed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
11 (DEP).

12 Q. How long have you been employed with the DEP and in what capacity?

13 A. I have been employed with DEP for six years in the Drinking Water
14 Program Compliance/Enforcement Section, as an Environmental Specialist II

15 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the DEP?

16 A. My responsibilities include review of chemical and microbiological
17 results, and I perform physical inspections of drinking water plants.

18 Q. Are you familiar with Pasco County's water treatment systems in the Land
19 O'Lakes/Central South Pasco County/State Road No. 54 area?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Please list those water treatment systems.

22 A. The Pasco County South Central Water System is the primary system in the
23 area, with a Public Water System identification number of 651-1573.

24 Q. Does the utility maintain the 20 psi minimum pressure throughout the
25 distribution system as required by Section 62-555.350, Florida Administrative

1 | Code?

2 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

3 | Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
4 | of a power outage?

5 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

6 | Q. Are the utility's wells in a location which complies with Section 62-
7 | 555.312, Florida Administrative Code?

8 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

9 | Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 62-602.
10 | Florida Administrative Code?

11 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

12 | Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
13 | accordance with Rule 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

14 | A. Yes.

15 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of the wells, treatment plant and
16 | distribution facilities satisfactory?

17 | A. File review of previous inspection reports of the South Central Water
18 | System indicates satisfactory overall maintenance.

19 | Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
20 | maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?

21 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

22 | Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section 62-
23 | 550.410, Florida Administrative Code?

24 | A. Yes.

25 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its

1 | equivalent throughout the distribution system?

2 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

3 | Q. Has the County's Water System been the subject of any DEP enforcement
4 | action within the past two years?

5 | A. Not to my knowledge.

6 | Q. Are you familiar with Mad Hatter Utility, Inc. (Mad Hater or utility)
7 | in Pasco County?

8 | A. Yes.

9 | Q. Please list the water treatment facilities from which Mad Hatter
10 | provides water service.

11 | A. To the best of my knowledge, Mad Hatter has the following water
12 | treatment facilities: Linda Lake Groves, Cypress Grove - Foxwood, Turtle
13 | Lakes, and Carpenter's Run.

14 | Q. Are the plants in compliance with all of the utility's permit(s)?

15 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

16 | Q. Does the utility maintain the 20 psi minimum pressure throughout the
17 | distribution system as required by Section 62-555.350, Florida Administrative
18 | Code?

19 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

20 | Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
21 | of a power outage?

22 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes; except for the Turtle Lakes facility.

23 | Q. Are the utility's wells in a location which complies with Section 62-
24 | 555.312, Florida Administrative Code?

25 | A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

- 1 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 62-602,
2 Florida Administrative Code?
- 3 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.
- 4 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
5 accordance with Section 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the wells, treatment plants and
8 distribution facilities satisfactory?
- 9 A. File review indicates satisfactory overall maintenance.
- 10 Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
11 maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?
- 12 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.
- 13 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section 62-
14 550.410, Florida Administrative Code?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
17 equivalent throughout the distribution system?
- 18 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.
- 19 Q. Have any of these water plants been the subject of any DEP enforcement
20 action within the past two years?
- 21 A. Yes, as to the Turtle Lakes water system. To the best of my knowledge,
22 the other systems have not been the subject of any DEP enforcement action
23 within the past two years.
- 24 Q. With respect to the Turtle Lakes water system, please explain details,
25 recommended actions, and whether the utility is currently complying with the

1 | schedule.

2 | A. A warning notice (W/N 95-025-PW51-SWD, OGC Case #96-3498) was issued on
3 | October 9, 1995. The DEP and the utility have entered into a Settlement
4 | Agreement which was executed on March 27, 1997, whereby the utility, within
5 | 60 days from the execution of the Agreement, shall install and request
6 | clearance from the DEP to place the auxiliary power unit into operation per
7 | Rule 62-555.320(6), Florida Administrative Code. The utility, within 15 days
8 | from the execution of the Agreement, was to submit an auxiliary power plan,
9 | per Rule 62-555.320(6)(e), Florida Administrative Code. As of the completion
10 | of this prefiled testimony, the utility is currently complying with the
11 | schedule (time frames established in the Settlement Agreement).

12 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?

13 | A. Yes, I am not an engineer or chemist as such, and therefore I am not
14 | qualified to answer any questions which pertain to engineering or chemistry.

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