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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

HAND DELIVERY

RE: Request by Florida Cities Water Company, S. Ft. Myers Division,
for authority to extend temporary water service.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Florida Cities Water Company (FCWC) hereby requests authority to extend temporary water service. Please open a docket. The original and eight (8) copies of this letter are herewith submitted.

Two adjacent property owners, Messrs. Linn and Brownlee, have each requested water service from FCWC, S. Ft. Myers Division. FCWC has an existing water main 600 feet from the property line of Mr. Linn's parcel and another 600 feet from the property line of Mr. Brownlee's parcel. Both small parcels are located in the certificated water service area of Gulf Utility Company. Gulf, and Lee County, have both indicated they would not object to FCWC extending service to the two parcels, and other adjacent undeveloped land located off Jean Street.

FCWC is currently preparing an application for extension of its S. Ft. Myers Division's water and wastewater service areas. FCWC intends to include the Jean Street area (including Messrs. Linn and Brownlee's parcels) as well as other areas which it seeks authority to serve. The application is expected to be filed within the next several weeks.

Messrs. Linn and Brownlee have expressed a need for service now and do not want to wait until PSC disposition of the extension application. To obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for his commercial establishment, Mr. Linn needs the immediate availability of fire protection afforded by a central water supply. Mr. Brownlee has similarly expressed a need for water service availability to proceed with development of his parcel.

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Messrs. Linn and Brownlee have indicated their willingness to enter into service agreements with FCWC, to construct the twelve (12) inch main extension necessary to serve them, and to transfer the main extension to FCWC as contributed property, along with payment of applicable capacity charges, under FCWC's service availability policy.

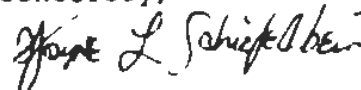
It would be necessary to install meters at Messrs. Linn and Brownlee's respective parcels prior to initiating service. Thus the point of delivery would be outside FCWC's certificated service area unless and until the extension application is approved. In the unlikely event that the PSC were to deny the extension, FCWC would have to discontinue service to Messrs. Linn and Brownlee and remove the meters, with Messrs. Linn and Brownlee's investment in the main extension at risk.

FCWC does not believe that the extension to the two parcels would qualify for the relatively abbreviated application process provided by Rule 25-30.036(2), F.A.C. FCWC cannot at this time attest that the number of ERCs represented by the two parcels, once developed, would not exceed the 25-ERC limit for such applications. Further, it would be far more cost-effective for FCWC to seek to extend its service areas as discussed above through one application, preparation of which is underway.

Thus, FCWC requests that on an expedited basis, the PSC issue an order authorizing FCWC's extension of water service to Messrs. Linn and Brownlee's parcels, as outlined above, with the understanding that FCWC will include such parcels in its forthcoming extension application. A legal description of the two parcels accompanies this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter and returning same to my attention. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Robert Brownlee
Mr. Herbert D. Linn
James W. Moore, Gulf Utility Company
A. Glenn Greer, P.E., Lee County
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Mr. Linn's parcel:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 46 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, Florida.

Mr. Brownlee's parcel:

The North Half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast 1/4, Section 8, Township 46 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, Florida.