

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1997

TO : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CROSBY)
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN) *FFR BGM*

RE : DOCKET NO. ~~970198~~-WS; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF
CERTIFICATES NOS. 447-W and 378-S IN MARION COUNTY BY
DECCA UTILITIES, INC.

Decca Utilities, Inc. (Decca or utility) provides water and wastewater service to approximately 2,586 water and wastewater customers in Marion County, Florida. The utility's 1996 annual report shows an annual operating revenue of \$1,320,658 and a net operating income of \$229,271. The utility is a Class B utility company under FPSC jurisdiction.

On February 14, 1997, the utility applied for an amendment to Water Certificate No. 447-W and 378-S in Marion County, Florida pursuant to Rule 25-30.036(3), Florida Administrative Code. The application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for amendment of certificate. The application contains a check in the amount of \$100 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided evidence, in the form of a warranty deed, that the utility owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code.

Adequate service territory and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e), and (i), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the utility is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes, that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission. In addition, the application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. No objections to the application have been received and the time for such has expired. The local planning agency was provided notice of the application and did not file a protest to the amendment.

ACK _____ The utility states that the provision of service will be
AFA _____ consistent with the utility section of the local comprehensive
APP _____ plan. Water service will be provided by the utility's 3.168
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million gallons per day (mgd) water treatment plant. Current flows are 43% (1.362 mgd) of the water treatment plant capacity. Wastewater service will be provided by the utility's .8 mgd wastewater treatment plant. Current flows are 45% (.360 mgd) of the wastewater treatment plant capacity. Effluent is disposed by a combination of Public Reuse Spray Irrigation and restricted access land application. The total capacity of the effluent disposal is permitted for .8 mgd. The design capacity of the proposed extension will add 50,000 gallons per day of demand on the water and wastewater systems. Thus, the water and wastewater treatment plants and the disposal system has adequate capacity to serve the area.

The utility has retained the following outside consultants to assist them in the technical aspects of running the utility, Mr. Chuck Pigeon, P.E., and Robert Nixon, CPA. Staff has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection and learned that there are no outstanding notices of violation issue. The developers will construct the water distribution system and wastewater collection system to serve their respective developments. The proposed new service is adjacent to Decca's wastewater treatment facility. The wastewater from this area will be pumped directly to the wastewater treatment plant and will not have to pass through existing gravity collection system piping. Therefore, this is a new wastewater collection system (Carriage House/Oak Ridge Wastewater Collection System). This new collection system will be donated to the utility. The cost to serve these developments will be minimal. Consequently, staff believes the utility has demonstrated the financial and technical expertise to provide quality service to these customers. Staff recommends the rates and charges approved by the Commission be applied to customers in the new service territory. The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff and returned its certificate for entry reflecting the additional territory.

Based on the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Decca for amendment of Water Certificate No. 447-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 378-S. An administrative order should be issued within 30 days granting the amendment of territory.

If you have any questions, please contact me immediately.

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cc: Division of Records and Reporting (Security File)

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DECCA UTILITIES

MARION COUNTY

WATER AND WASTEWATER DESCRIPTION

Carriage House of Ocala, L.C.

A parcel of land situated in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 20 East, Marion County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Said Section 35; thence South 89°16'55" West, along the North Line of said Section 35, a distance of 1,542.52 feet, to an intersection with the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 200 (100 feet wide); thence South 41°39'25" West, along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 1,100.00 feet; thence South 51°36'26" East a distance of 622.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence North 41°39'25" East, 450.00 feet; thence South 51°36'26" East, 450.00 feet; thence South 41°36'57" West 1,017.53 feet; thence North 48°20'35" West, 450.00 feet; thence North 41°39'25" East 541.91 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.37 Acres, more or less.

Oak Ridge Development, Inc.

A parcel of land situated in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 20 East, Marion County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Said Section 35; thence South 89°16'55" West, along the North Line of said Section 35, a distance of 1,542.52 feet, to a point in the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 200 (100 feet wide); thence South 41°39'25" West, along said Right-of-way line a distance of 300.00 feet, to the Principal Point of Beginning; thence continue South 41°39'25" West along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 1,306.49 feet; thence run South 48°20'35" East a distance of 620.99 feet; thence run North 41°39'25" East a distance of 1,341.91 feet; thence run North 51°36'26" West a distance of 622.00 feet to the Principal Point of Beginning. Containing 18.88 Acres, more or less.

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Intersection 200/484. Ltd.

Parcel 6

A parcel of land situated in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 20 East, Marion County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Said Section 35; thence South 89°16'55" West, along the North Line of said Section 35 a distance of 1,542.52 feet to an intersection with the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 200 (100 feet wide); thence South 41°39'25" West along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 1,606.49 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 41°39'25" West, along said Right-of-Way line 680.00 feet; thence departing from said Right-of-way line South 48°20'35" East 400.00 feet; thence North 41°39'25" East, 680.00 feet; thence North 48°20'35" West 400.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 6.24 Acres, more or less.

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Parcel 7

A parcel of land situated in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 20 East, Marion County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Said Section 35; thence South 89°16'55" West, along the North Line of said Section 35, a distance of 1,542.52 feet, to an intersection with the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 200 (100 feet wide); thence South 41°39'25" West along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 2,286.49 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 41°39'25" West along said Right-of-way line 651.71 feet to a Point; thence North 41°39'25" East a distance of 1,500.00 feet from the intersection of said Southeasterly Right-of-Way line with the North Right-of-Way Line of County Road No. C-484 (100 feet wide); thence departing from said Right-of-way line South 48°20'35" East, 400.00 feet; thence North 41°39'25" East a distance of 651.71 feet; thence North 48°20'35" West a distance of 400.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 5.98 Acres, More or Less.