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MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALICE CROSBY, DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : MARTHA GOLDEN, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER *MAE* *EA* *YOW*

RE : DOCKET NO. 951235-WS; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY DECLARING MANATEE COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 367, FLORIDA STATUTES - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY TAYLOR & FULTON, INC. (PEERLESS/MANATEE MIGRANT LABOR CAMP)

On October 10, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County adopted Resolution No. R-95-109, pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes, declaring that as of October 10, 1995, the water and wastewater utilities in that County shall become subject to the provision of the Water and Wastewater Regulatory Law, Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The resolution was acknowledged by this Commission on November 9, 1995, by Order No. PSC-95-1393-POF-WS. Pursuant to Section 367.131, Florida Statutes, a utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission must obtain a certificate of authorization or an order recognizing the exempt status of the system.

On December 7, 1995, this Commission received an application from Peerless/Manatee Migrant Labor Camp for a non-jurisdictional exemption pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Upon review of the application, it was determined the applicant for the exemption is actually Taylor & Fulton, Inc. (Taylor & Fulton) for a migrant labor camp. The primary contact person for Peerless/Manatee is Mr. Bill Monette. The mailing address for the above contact person and utility is Taylor & Fulton Farms, Inc., P.O. Box 1087, Palmetto, Florida 34221. The utility's physical address is 917 25th Street East, Palmetto, Florida 34221.

The applicant, operating as a corporation, has filed in accordance with Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.060(1), (2), and (3)(j), Florida Administrative Code. Included with the application was a statement that there is no charge for providing water service, and all costs of providing service are treated or recovered as operational expenses. Wastewater service is provided by Manatee County. Additionally, the applicant acknowledged Section 367.06, Florida Statutes, regarding false statements.

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Based on the above, an administrative order should be issued as soon as possible approving Taylor & Fulton, Inc.'s application for exemption pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. In the event of any change of circumstances or method of operation, Taylor & Fulton or its successor(s) in interest, should be ordered to notify the Commission within thirty days of such change so that its exempt status may be reevaluated. Additionally, staff recommends that this docket should remain open for the processing of additional applications.

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