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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Re: Mid-County Services, Inc. -- Docket No. 971065-SU  
Partial Response to Staff Data Request dated 12/29/97

Dear Ms. Brubaker:

By letter dated December 29, 1997, the staff requested that Mid-County Services, Inc. supply twelve items of additional information in connection with its review of the company's request for a rate increase. The request asked that responses be provided by January 30, 1997, with earlier responses on a piecemeal basis to the extent possible.

Attached in response to Items 3 through 12 of the request is a letter dated December 11, 1997, with attachments, from Donald Rasmussen to Mr. Fuchs. This letter responds to eleven questions that had been posed to the company by Mr. Fuchs. The utility believes that the information contained in this letter is fully responsive to Items 3 through 12 of the current request.

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CAF 2 and will provide them as soon as available.

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Very truly yours,

*Richard D. Melson*

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December 11, 1997

VIA FAX AND MAIL

Mr. Ed Fuchs  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Gunter Building  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Re: Questions for Utilities Inc. - Mid County

Dear Mr. Fuchs:

The following information is provided in response to your faxed request of December 4, 1997. Your questions appear in bold type in the same order as your request.

1. **Please provide a block diagram of the Mid-County treatment facility.**

SEE ATTACHMENT

2. **Does Utilities Inc. currently have plans for expansion, in any form, of the Mid-County treatment facility within the next five years?**

We have reviewed the treatment plant for capacity and have discussed proposed plans for expanding the capacity within the next five years. Given the current growth rates, we anticipate to begin the expansion process in the next one to two years.

3. **If yes, what is the proposed expansion size?**

The size of the expansion would be .2 MGD. We would install a .2 MGD equalization tank and return the current .2 equalization chamber back into an aeration chamber of the plant. That would bring the plant capacity to 1.1 MGD.

4. **Are the three S-10 trucks left at the plant in the evenings or are the operators permitted to drive them home?**

Our operators are permitted to drive the company trucks home in the evening. The plant is staffed 16 hours per day, seven days per week by the three operators with vehicles.

5. **Please explain the need for three vehicles at this facility.**

There are generally only two trucks at the plant at any one time. We furnish each operator with a vehicle for the following reasons:

- a) The service area is very large and we have experienced more than one problem in the collection system or lift station at a time.
- b) Operators are on-call and are called back to work if needed for any problem.
- c) With only one operator working the second shift, there are many times that he is in need of assistance and one of the other operators is called back to the plant to assist.

6. Which plant account contains the investment for the auxiliary power generator and its containment building?

The auxiliary power generator and containment building are booked to STP 102-05 account.

7. A complaint registered on February 9, 1996, concerned illegal connections. What was the resolution to that complaint? Were illegal connections revealed and, if yes, what action was taken by Utilities Inc.?

Our operator investigated the complaint and was unable to verify any illegal connections to our sewer system. He made several attempts to contact the party that registered the complaint but was never able to discuss it with the party that claimed there were illegal connections.

8. Please provide the names, addresses, and contact person phone numbers of all home owner associations and developers in the Mid County Service area.

SEE ATTACHMENT

9. Please provide the flow effect on the Mid-County treatment plant if all available connections in the service area, i.e. those on septic tanks and those vacant lots, were connected and working.

We have not done any engineering study to determine what the ultimate buildout would be if every parcel was connected to our plant. Additionally, many parcels may be re-zoned at different densities than what is presently approved.

10. The 1996 Annual report from Utilities, Inc. for the Mid-County treatment plant states, on page S-8, that the maximum number of ERCs which can be served is 2909. The MFRs on page 83, Schedule F-8 claim 3273 ERCs. Please explain the discrepancy.

Using 275 GPD/ERC, the plant (with a capacity of .900 MGD) could serve 3273 ERC. The 2909 ERC number that is on page S-8 of the Annual Report appears to be a miscalculation.

11. What is the actual hydraulic capacity of the Mid-County treatment plant. Please explain the configuration to enable the DER permit to be .9 MGD.

The Mid-County plant is comprised of a .500 MGD plant and a .600 MGD plant. Part of the aeration of the .5 MGD plant was taken out of service and used as a EQ basin. This reduced the DEP permitted capacity of the plant to .9 MGD.

Please advise if there are any questions or if additional information is required.

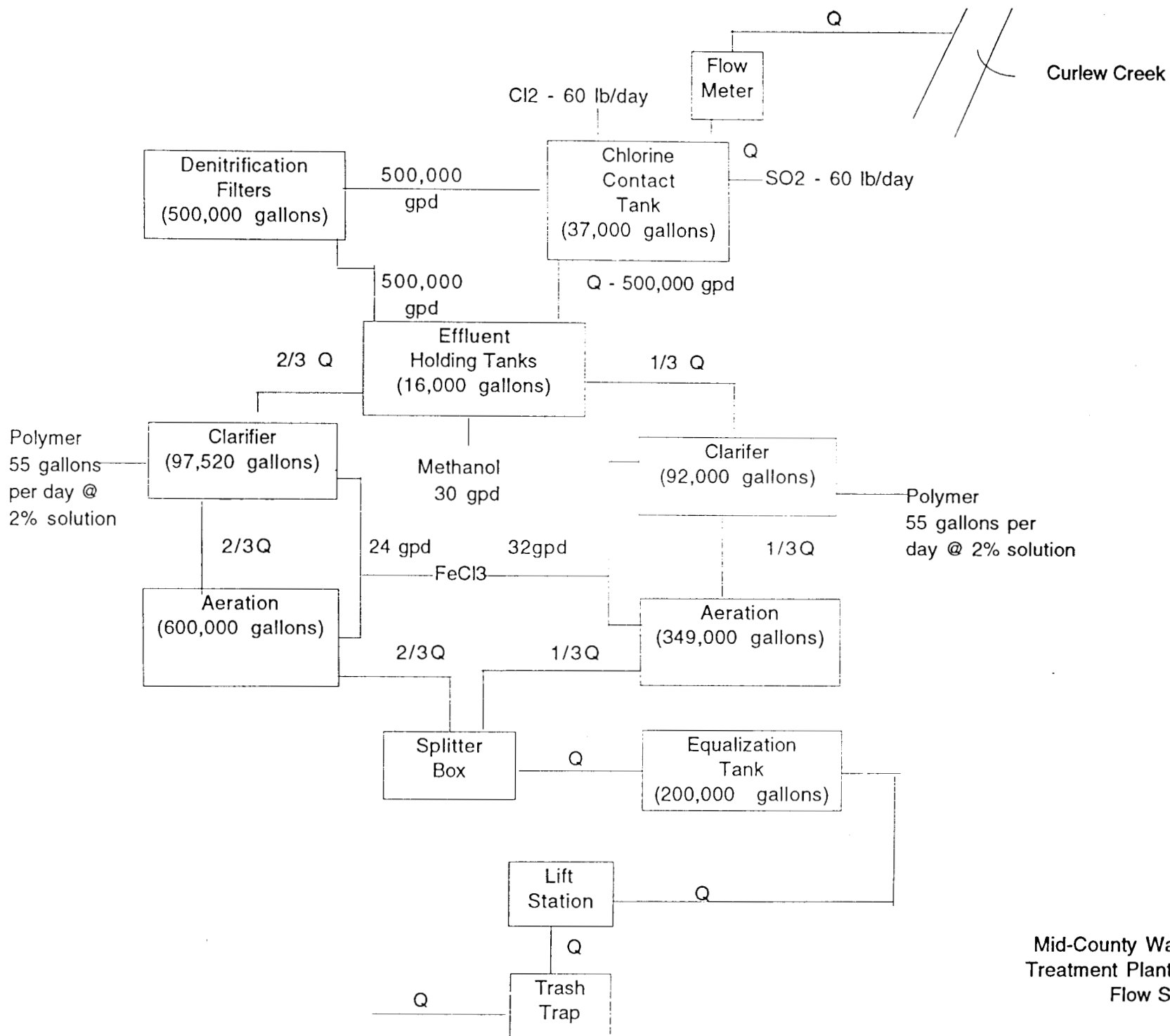
Sincerely,



Donald Rasmussen  
Vice President

DR/jkw

Attachments (2)



Mid-County Wastewater Treatment Plant Existing Flow Schematic

## Home Owners Associations List From Gary Armstrong

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Palm Harbor, Florida 34683

**Spanish Pines**

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Clearwater, Florida 33761

**Serendipity MHP**

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**Brookfield**

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## Developers in Mid County Service Area

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Tampa, FL 33634  
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Suntech Homes, Inc.

2519 Pine Cove Lane  
Clearwater, FL 34621  
813-726-9190

Highmark Homes

2792 Country Way  
Clearwater, FL 34623  
813-724-6100

Gary Loken - Builder Inc.

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