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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CRIST) *YSA*
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (WELER, REDMON) *WJR RRR JMW*

RE: DOCKET NO. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES UNDER GRANDFATHER RIGHTS TO PROVIDE WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE BY CRYSTAL RIVER UTILITIES, INC. IN POLK COUNTY.

AGENDA: FEBRUARY 17, 1998 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE LOCATION: I:\DSC\LEG\WP\961014R.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

On September 3, 1996, Crystal River Utilities, Inc. (Crystal River) filed an application with this Commission for grandfather certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Polk County, pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes. The application was filed after the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County adopted a resolution on May 14, 1996, which made the utilities in the County subject to the provisions of Section 367, Florida Statutes.

At the time the Commission received jurisdiction, the utility was owned by Rosalie Oaks Utility Corporation (Rosalie Oaks), not by Crystal River. Crystal River entered into an agreement on August 14, 1996, to purchase the system from Rosalie Oaks and has been operating the system since that time without prior approval of the Commission.

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DOCKET NO. 961014-MS
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Crystal River's application and the circumstances surrounding the transfer were considered at the August 18, 1997 agenda conference. At that time, it was determined by the Commission that it was not appropriate to initiate show cause proceedings against Rosalie Oaks for entering into an agreement and turning the system over to Crystal River to operate prior to Commission approval. The Commission did, however, find it appropriate to require Crystal River to notice the customers, the Office of Public Counsel and the Polk County Commission of the action taken at the agenda conference by providing them with a copy of the order within seven days of its issuance. The Commission also found it appropriate to require Crystal River to publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area within seven days of the date of the Order.

On September 5, 1997, this Commission issued Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-MS (copy attached). The portion of that Order declining to initiate show cause proceedings and establishing rates and charges was issued as final agency action. The portion granting grandfather certificates, requiring proof of land ownership, and requiring noticing was issued as Proposed Agency Action.

By letter dated October 24, 1997, a copy of a recorded warranty deed in the name of Crystal River was provided as proof of ownership. Crystal River has not, however, noticed as directed by Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-MS due to a misunderstanding. This recommendation addresses the rescission of Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-MS, and the issuance of a new order to incorporate clarifications of the noticing requirements.

DOCKET NO. 961014-WS
DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 1998

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission rescind Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-WS and issue a new order to include a clarification of the required notice?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-WS should be rescinded. However, the Commission should issue a new order to incorporate the clarifications discussed below in the Staff Analysis. That portion granting grandfather certificates, requiring proof of land ownership, and requiring noticing should be issued as proposed agency action. That portion of the order declining to show cause and setting rates should be issued as final action. (CROSBY)

STAFF ANALYSIS: As stated previously, Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-WS was issued on September 5, 1997. That Order states, in part,

The rules and statute did not require noticing for grandfather certificate applications. However, because a sales contract was entered into and Crystal River began operating the system prior to the issuance of the grandfather certificates, we find it appropriate to require Crystal River to notice the customers, the Office of Public Counsel, and the Polk County Commission, by providing them a copy of this Order within seven days of its issuance. We further find it appropriate to require Crystal River to provide notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area.

Although the body of the order required Crystal River to provide a copy of the order to the Office of Public Counsel, the Polk County Commission, and the customers, it did not clearly state what notice was to be provided in the newspaper. In addition, the Ordering paragraphs did not state that a copy of the order was to be provided to the customers.

The third Ordering paragraph states, that "Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall provide a copy of this Order to the Office of Public Counsel and the Polk County Commission within seven days of the date of this Order. Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall also provide notice to the customers of the utility within seven days of the date of this Order." The fourth Ordering paragraph required Crystal River to provide notice of the action taken "herein" once in a newspaper of general circulation in the service territory

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approved in the Order. Such notice was to have been published within seven days of the date of the Order.

Because the language in the body of the Order and in the Ordering paragraphs was somewhat confusing to Crystal River, Crystal River was uncertain as to what to provide to the customers and in the newspaper. Arguably, Crystal River should have contacted the Commission to clear up the confusion prior to the expiration of the seven-day period. However, because of the confusion, staff recommends that the Commission rescind Order No. PSC-97-1048-FOF-WS and issue a new order in this docket to incorporate that Crystal River should be required to notice the Office of Public Counsel, the Polk County Commission, and its customers by providing a copy of the new order within seven days of the date of the new order.

In addition, Staff recommends that Crystal River provide notice in a newspaper of general circulation in its service area within seven days of the date of the new order. The notice should state that the Commission granted Crystal River Grandfather Certificates Nos. 594-W and 510-S. The notice should include a description of the service area granted, and reference the 21-day protest period.

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, this docket should be closed if no timely protests are filed to the proposed agency action issues. (CROSBY)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If there are no timely protests filed by a substantially affected person to the proposed agency action issues, no further action will be required and the docket should be closed.

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48° and a radius of 2785.00 feet; thence along said curve for an arc length of 1067.58 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 69° 24' 18" West, 342.13 feet; thence North 35° 24' 10" West, 538.72 feet; thence North 54° 35' 50" East, 210.00 feet; thence North 35° 24' 10" West, 190.58 feet; thence North 41° 21' 50" East, 102.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ROSLIE CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT

ALSO, commence at the Northeast corner of Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 29 East, Polk County, Florida, and run South along the East boundary of Section 29, 1965.41 feet; thence North 79° 34' 10" West, 990.00 feet to the centerline of Camp Mack Road; thence along said centerline, South 56° 09' 10" West, 123.00 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 60° 47' 20" and a radius of 3752.10 feet; thence along said curve, for an arc length of 422.17 feet to the end of said curve; thence South 41° 21' 50" West, 346.72 feet; thence South 53° 34' 20" West, 420.00 feet; thence South 34° 35' 40" East, 200.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING for this description; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence South 34° 35' 40" East, 200.71 feet; thence South 53° 34' 20" West, 200.71 feet; thence North 34° 35' 40" West, 200.71 feet; thence North 53° 34' 20" East, 200.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificates under grandfather rights to provide water and wastewater service by Crystal River Utilities, Inc. in Polk County.

DOCKET NO. 961014-MS
ORDER NO. PSC-97-1048-POF-MS
ISSUED: September 5, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY BRADON
SUSAN F. CLARK
DIANE H. HIESLING
JOE GARCIA

~~NOTICE OF PROPOSED JUDICIAL ACTION
UNDER CHAPTER 38, FLORIDA STATUTES, RELATIVE TO THE
MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES UNDER GRANDFATHER
RIGHTS TO PROVIDE WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE~~

AND

~~ORDER DENYING TO INITIATE SUCH COURT PROCEEDINGS
AND REVERSING SUCH COURT ACTION~~

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action granting certificates and requiring noticing, as discussed herein, is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 28-23.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Background

On September 3, 1996, Crystal River Utilities, Inc. (Crystal River or utility) filed an application with this Commission for grandfather certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Polk County, pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes. The application was filed after the Board of County Commissioners of

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Folk County adopted a resolution on May 14, 1996, which made the utilities in the County subject to the provisions of Section 367, Florida Statutes.

At the time we received jurisdiction, the system, which serves about 64 residential customers, was owned by Rosalie Oaks Utility Corporation (Rosalie Oaks). Although Crystal River entered into an agreement on August 14, 1996, to purchase the system from Rosalie Oaks, closing of the sale was conditioned upon Commission approval. Crystal River has been operating the system since the agreement was signed. To eliminate duplicate filings, Crystal River applied for grandfather certificates in its name. Because Rosalie Oaks entered into a contract to sell the system and turned the system over to Crystal River to operate prior to Commission approval, Rosalie Oaks is in apparent violation of Section 367.071, Florida Statutes.

Shaw Cause

As stated previously, Rosalie Oaks is in apparent violation of Sections 367.071, Florida Statutes, which states, in part, "No utility shall sell, assign, or transfer its certificate of authorization, facilities or any portion thereof . . . without determination and approval of the commission that the proposed sale, assignment, or transfer is in the public interest. Rosalie Oaks and Crystal River entered into agreement for the sale of the system to Crystal River on August 14, 1996. Crystal River has been operating the system providing water and wastewater service to customers of the utility since that time. Such action is "willful" in the sense intended by Section 367.161, Florida Statutes. Section 367.161, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Commission to assess a penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each offense, if a utility is found to have knowingly refused to comply with, or to have willfully violated any provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. In Order No. 2488, issued April 3, 1993, in Subject No. 96024-76, titled In Re: Application For The Power Acquisition of Duke Energy Florida, Inc., Pursuant to the Public Utility Law of 1935 and 1936 for the Florida, Inc., the Commission, having found that the company had not intended to violate the rule, nevertheless found it appropriate to order it to show cause why it should not be fined, stating that "[i]n our view, 'willful' implies an intent to do an act, and this is distinct from an intent to violate a statute or rule." Id. at 6.

Rosalie Oaks failed to obtain Commission approval before entering into the contract for sale and turning the system over to Crystal River to operate. Section 14(a) and (b) of the sales agreement, which was signed by Rosalie Oaks and Crystal River in

CRYSTAL RIVER UTILITIES, INC. FOLK COUNTY

TERRITORY DESCRIPTION

THE ROSALIE OAKS SUBDIVISION

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 29 East, Folk County, Florida, and run South along the East boundary of Section 29, 1944.61 feet; thence North 79° 34' 10" West, 908.04 feet to the centerline of Camp Mack Road; thence along said centerline, South 94° 09' 10" West, 123.48 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 60° 47' 30" and a radius of 2753.18 feet; thence along said curve, for an arc length of 433.17 feet to the end of said curve; thence South 41° 21' 50" West, 143.08 feet; thence South 30° 34' 10" East, 51.35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING for this description; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence South 20° 24' 10" East, 124.10 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 90° 00' 00" and a radius of 20 feet; thence along said curve for an arc length of 31.63 feet to the end of said curve; thence South 94° 35' 30" East, 309.00 feet; thence South 30° 34' 10" East, 179.00 feet; thence North 54° 35' 50" East, 300.00 feet; thence North 20° 24' 10" West, 115.00 feet; thence North 54° 35' 50" East, 320.00 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a central angle of 44° 00' 00" and a radius of 300.00 feet; thence along said curve, for an arc length of 165.00 feet, to the end of said curve; thence South 70° 24' 10" East, 110.00 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a central angle of 134° 00' 00" and a radius of 51.00 feet; thence along said curve for an arc length of 121.57 feet to the end of said curve; thence South 10° 34' 10" East, 105.00 feet; thence South 54° 35' 50" West, 797.00 feet; thence South 20° 24' 10" East, 73.74 feet; thence South 60° 24' 10" East, 140.00 feet; thence North 20° 24' 10" East, 15.00 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right, whose tangent bears South 60° 24' 44" East, and has a central angle of 21° 32' 25" and a radius of 1200.00 feet; thence along said curve, counterclockwise, for an arc length of 1213.97 feet to the end of said curve, and the beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 23° 24' 30" and a radius of 300.00 feet; thence along said curve for an arc length of 103.65 feet, to the end of said curve; thence South 70° 16' 53" East, 795.24 feet; thence South 10° 16' 53" East, 400.69 feet; thence North 73° 34' 00" West, 870.13 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a central angle of 25° 57' 30" and a radius of 655.00 feet; thence along said curve for an arc length of 396.70 feet to the end of said curve, and the beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 21° 57'

Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Flor. & Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: (1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.040, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

August, 1996, deals with Florida Public Service Commission matters. Section 16(a) states, in part, "Prior to Closing. Purchaser shall submit an application to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to issue a certificate of authorization . . ." Section 16(b) states, in part, ". . . In the event the FPSC does not approve the application for transfer . . . the agreement shall be terminated." Although technically, Crystal River did not file an application for transfer prior to entering into this contract and ceasing operation of the utility system, from our review of the agreement and conversations with Crystal River, the closing of the sale is contingent upon Commission approval of the sale and issuance of certificates to Crystal River. Failure of Escalio Gals to obtain prior approval of the Commission appears to be due to its belief that because the sale had not closed, it was not in violation of Section 167.071, Florida Statutes.

We have reviewed the application and the sales agreement and, although Crystal River has been operating the utility since the agreement was signed in August of 1996, closing of the sale is conditioned upon Commission approval. Therefore, we do not find that the violation of Section 167.071, Florida Statutes, rises in these circumstances to the level of warranting initiation of show cause proceedings. Therefore, a show cause proceeding will not be initiated against Escalio Gals for failure to obtain Commission approval prior to entering into the sales contract and turning the utility over to Crystal River.

Application

On September 3, 1996, Crystal River filed an application for grandfather certificates in Polk County. Except as discussed herein, the application is in compliance with Section 167.071, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and provisions of the Florida Administrative Code. In particular, the application contains a filing fee in the amount of \$300, as required by Rule 25-20.020, Florida Administrative Code.

The rules and statute do not require noticing for grandfather certificate applications. However, because a sales contract was entered into and Crystal River began operating the system prior to the issuance of the grandfather certificates, we find it appropriate to require Crystal River to notice the customers, the Office of Public Counsel, and the Polk County Commission, by providing them a copy of this Order within seven days of its issuance. We further find it appropriate to require Crystal River to provide notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area. We find that this action is consistent

with previous similar Commission decisions. See Order No. 19848, issued August 22, 1988, in Docket No. 880013-MS, Application of Homosassa Utilities, Inc. for water and sewer certificates under grandfather rights, Sumter County, Florida.

Rule 25-30.035(6), Florida Administrative Code, requires a utility to provide proof that it owns the land or has continued use of the land upon which its facilities are located. Crystal River provided a copy of a warranty deed in Essalie Oaks' name. Therefore, Crystal River shall provide a copy of a recorded warranty deed in its name as proof that it owns the land upon which the utility facilities are located within 60 days of the date of this order.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rules 25-30.035(9), (10), and (11), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the applicant is shown as Attachment A of this order, which by reference is incorporated herein.

The utility is current with regard to regulatory assessment fees and the filing of annual reports through 1996. Crystal River will pay regulatory assessment fees and file the annual report for 1997. In addition, according to the Department of Environmental Protection, there are no outstanding notices of violation against the utility.

Based on the foregoing, we find that it is in the public interest to grant Crystal River Certificates Nos. 204-S and 210-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A of this order. Crystal River shall send a copy of this order to the Polk County Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel, within seven days of the date of its issuance. Further, Crystal River shall publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service territory. In addition, Crystal River shall provide a copy of the notice to its customer within seven days of the issuance of this order.

Rates and Charges

On February 16, 1994, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution establishing water and wastewater rates and charges for Essalie Oaks. On January 2, 1997, the Commission approved a pass-through rate adjustment to allow the recovery of increased expenses due to payment of regulatory assessment fees. Shown below are the rates requested by Crystal

NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

As identified in the body of this order, our action granting grandfather certificates, requiring proof of land ownership and notice is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.026(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800, by the close of business on September 25, 1997. If such a petition is filed, mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the date subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it notifies the foregoing conditions and is removed within the specified protest period.

If the relevant portion of this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate

ORDERED that Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall provide notice of the action taken herein once in a newspaper of general circulation in the service territory approved by this Order. Such notice must be published within seven days of the date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the rates and charges set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall charge these rates and charges until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 3540 Sumner Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0000, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 24th day of September, 1997.



 Mark S. King, Director
 Division of Records and Reporting

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River. These rates include the pass-through adjustment approved by the Commission.

RATES
Residential Service
(Monthly Rates)

Base Facility Charge:	Amount
3/4 x 5/8"	\$ 9.90
1"	\$ 21.31
2"	\$ 48.38
Gallagege Charge: (per 1,000 Gallons)	
0 - 5,000 Gallons	\$.00
5,001 - 10,000 Gallons	\$ 1.00
Over 10,000 Gallons	\$ 1.26

RATES
Residential Service
(Monthly Rates)

Base Facility Charge:	Amount
3/4 x 5/8"	\$ 13.30
1"	\$ 23.77
2"	\$101.31
Gallagege Charge - All Flows	\$ 5.71

Customer Deposits

	Water	Wastewater	Total
Residential Service	\$25	\$25	\$50

Water Test Deposits

<u>Water Size:</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 15.00
1" and 1 1/2"	\$ 20.00
2" and over	\$ 30.00

Miscellaneous Service Charges

	<u>Charge</u>
Initial Connection Fee:	\$ 15.00
Normal Reconnection Fee:	\$ 15.00
Violation Reconnection Fee:	\$ 15.00*
Premises Visit Fee:	\$ 15.00
*\$15.00 or Actual Cost	

Water Installation Fees

<u>Water Size:</u>	<u>Charge</u>
3/4" x 5/8"	\$200.00
1"	\$200.00
1-1/2"	\$200.00
2"	\$600.00
Over 2"	Actual Cost

Customer Connection (Tap-in) Charge

<u>Water Size</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Watermeter</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/4" x 5/8"	\$ 200.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
1"	\$ 330.00	\$400.00	\$730.00
1-1/2"	\$ 330.00	\$400.00	\$730.00
2"	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,400.00
Over 2"	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

We find these rates and charges to be reasonable and they are approved. Crystal River shall charge these rates and charges until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. Crystal River has filed a tariff which reflects the rates and charges approved herein. The tariff shall be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Crystal River Utilities, Inc., Post Office Box 530347, Longwood, Florida 32752, is hereby granted Certificates Nos. 190-W and 110-S to provide service in Polk County. Crystal River Utilities, Inc. is authorized to serve the territory shown on Attachment A of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall file a copy of a recorded warranty deed in its name as proof that it owns the land upon which the utility facilities are located. The deed shall be provided within 60 days of the date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall provide a copy of this Order to the Office of Public Counsel and the Polk County Commission within seven days of the date of this Order. Crystal River Utilities, Inc. shall also provide notice to the customers of the utility within seven days of the date of this Order. It is further

STATE OF FLORIDA

Commissioners:
JULIA L. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN
J. TERRY DEASON
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Crystal River Utilities, Inc.
P.O. Box 530847
Longwood, Florida 32753-0847

Re: Docket No. 98094-WB - Application for certificates under grandfather rights to provide water and wastewater service by Crystal River Utilities, Inc. in Polk County.

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is a copy of the Staff Recommendation filed in this matter on February 5, 1998. The Commission is expected to consider this Recommendation at its February 17, 1998, Agenda Conference which will be held in Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, in Tallahassee beginning at 9:30 a.m. Due to the number of items to be covered at this conference, we cannot state the exact time at which this item will be heard. You are welcome to come to this Agenda Conference and observe and/or participate in the discussion of this item. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6222.

Sincerely,

Alice L. Crosby 151
Alice L. Crosby
Paralegal

ALC/dr

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Tomlinson, Rodemann)
Division of Records and Reporting