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MEMORANDUM

February 19, 1998

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

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN) *SM Ref DMW*

RE : DOCKET NO. 971404-WS; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF  
 CERTIFICATES NOS. 511-W AND 467-S TO ADD TERRITORY IN  
 SUMTER COUNTY BY SPRUCE CREEK SOUTH UTILITIES, INC.

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Spruce Creek South Utilities Inc. (Spruce Creek or utility) provides water service to approximately 1,700 customers and wastewater service to approximately 1,000 customers pursuant to Commission Certificates Nos. 511-W and 467-S in Marion and Sumter Counties. Spruce Creek's most recent submission to this Commission, the 1996 Annual Report, details utility operating revenues of \$723,414 and a net operating loss of \$27,636. The utility is a Class B utility company under FPSC jurisdiction.

On October 22, 1997 the utility applied for an amendment to Water Certificate No. 511-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 467-S in Sumter County, Florida. 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 one check in the amount of \$300 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code.

ACK \_\_\_\_\_ Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory  
 AFA \_\_\_\_\_ description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-  
 APP \_\_\_\_\_ 30.036(3)(e), (f) and (i), Florida Administrative Code. A  
 CAF \_\_\_\_\_ description of the territory requested by the utility is appended  
 DMW \_\_\_\_\_ to this memorandum as Attachment A. The utility has submitted an  
 CFR \_\_\_\_\_ affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes,  
 EAC \_\_\_\_\_ 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 were filed and the time for filing such has expired. The local planning agency was provided notice of the application and did not file a protest to the amendment. The Department of Community Affairs has identified no growth management concerns with the proposed expansion of the Spruce Creek into Sumter County. The utility states that the provision of service will be consistent with the utility section of the local comprehensive plan.

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Water service will be provided by the 1.9 million gallon per day (mgd) water treatment plant (Spruce Creek South Water Treatment System). Existing flows are approximately 1.5 mgd. Additional maximum flows expected from areas within the Utility's existing territory at build-out will add approximately 100,000 gallons on a maximum day demand. This area is expected to place a demand of 42,000 gallons per day (gpd). Therefore, the system will still have substantial unused capacity after build-out of the existing territory and after the addition of the new commercial development proposed.

The utility's wastewater system (Spruce Creek Wastewater Treatment System) currently has a DEP permitted capacity of 216,000 gpd. The average daily flow for the peak month within the last year was 156,000 (gpd). It is believed that when the residential and commercial area in the existing certificated area is built out, the peak seasonal periods will be 171,580 gpd. The commercial area in this application is expected to place an additional demand of 14,200 gpd of wastewater flow on the system at build-out. The utility will extend its water and wastewater lines to serve the this customer. It is apparent that the utility has adequate water and wastewater capacity to service this commercial development.

The utility has extensive experience in the water and wastewater industry. Staff has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection and learned that there are no outstanding notices of violation issued for this system. 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 Spruce Creek South Utilities, Inc. for amendment of Water and Wastewater Certificates Nos. 511-W and 467-S for the territory described in Attachment A. An administrative order should be issued approving the application and closing the docket within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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cc: Division of Record and Reporting (Security File)  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Crouch)

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ATTACHMENT A

SPRUCE CREEK SOUTH UTILITIES, INC.

SUMTER COUNTY

WATER SERVICE FROM SPRUCE CREEK SOUTH WATER  
AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

WATER AND WASTEWATER AREA

OAKLAND HILLS PROFESSIONAL CENTER

In Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County

Commence at the S.W. corner of the N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23 East; thence N.88°27'07"E., along the South line of the N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of said Section, a distance of 175.33 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 27-441 (being a 200 foot right of way) and the Point of Beginning. Thence S.41°46'50"E., along said right of way line, a distance of 370.00 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of County Road 109; thence S.48°13'10"W., along said right of way line, a distance of 100.41 feet to the Point of curvature of a 350.00 foot radius curve, concave to the Southeast; thence along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 35°00'00", a distance of 213.80 feet to the point of tangency; thence continue along said right of way line, S.13°13'10"W., a distance of 120.66 feet; thence departing said right of way line, N.41°46'50"W. a distance of 1665.10 feet; thence S.89°51'32"E. a distance of 537.59 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right of way line of said U.S. Highway 27-441; thence S.41°46'50"E., along said right of way line, a distance of 803.42 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands being situated in Sumter County, Florida and containing 12.740 acres, more or less.