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Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Records and Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

RE: Application for a Certificate
To Charge Rates & Asses Charges
for Water & Sewer Services
Zellwood Station CO-OP, Inc.

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Dear Sirs:

On March 4th, 1998, I, along with all other residents of the Zellwood Station Mobile Home Park, were notified by the President of the park's Board of Directors, Mr, Irving L. Perkins, that within 30 days of the date of his above captioned notification that any objection of a park resident must be submitted to your office. Further, that a copy of any objection. was to be sent to the President of the park's Board of Directors, Mr. Perkins, He further stated that the notification. was being sent to each resident in accordance with Section # 367.071 of the Florida Statues. Apparently, the intended purpose of Mr. Perkins Notice was to inform Park Residents that an application had been made to your office for an "Original certificate for an existing system requesting initial rates and charges." It is because of this , that I register my concern over this March 4th notification and the Park's apparent request for an original certificate that I am writing your Office.

It is in concern over the apparent proposed practices of this Zellwood Station's Co-Op "Board of Director's" for assessing each park resident's use of water that I submit this concern and objection. I have corresponded with Mr. Perkins twice within the past two weeks, after first receiving his Notification to all of us. The results of this correspondence have led me to understand that:

The Park's Board is in the process of installing water meters for each individual's home purportedly to measure the water consumption. There is nothing inherently wrong with this, and I have no objection to this. (How else could a regulating Board determine just what quantity of water each individual resident should be charged for unless the measurement of this consumption was meter quantified?) However, this is not the Board 's intention. The method by which each resident are to be charged for water service is to assess them with the assumed consumption of 10,000 gallons per month and (at a cost of \$35.53), and to only use the meters is to determine any resident's use in excess of this 10,000 gallon monthly assessment. However, even these gallons of overage is not to be quantified to the resident by the number of gallons he or she has exceeded the original 10,000 gallon preconceived initial assessment, but rather, to charge the resident a penalty of \$5.23 for the overage. I really do not believe that this is proper or equitable. I find it difficult to believe or accept that the Florida's Public Service Commission would or could issue a Certificate to Zellwood Station's Board of Director's to charge it's residents for water usage that is not based upon actual consumption. The Board's decision to base consumption upon a predetermined 10,000 gallons of usage and at a rate of \$35.53, plus a flat rate penalty of \$5.23 for usage over the initial assigned 10,000 gallon figure ,which has not been explained to me. Actually in my mind, this does not constitute a reasonable or creditable proposal for favorable consideration in the granting of this Certificate. It

would seem that to grant the approval of a request to any agency to establish rates and determine quantities, the P.S.C .would require a demonstrated quantifiable method other than what has been presented to the park residents or to your office.(One for actual consumption data & a rate based on actual costs)

Would you kindly inform me of the actions which you have taken in regards to this request made to your Division of Records and Reporting made by the Zellwood Station's "Board of Directors" President Mr.Irving L. Perkins or any other official of the Board?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Harrison F. Dunbrook
Park Resident

CC: Irving L. Perkins, Pres.
Board of Directors & Park Manager

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