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Public Service Commission

April 22, 1998

Mr. Matt Feil, Esquire
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Re: Docket No. 980261-WS; Application of Florida Water Services Corporation for Amendment of Water and Wastewater Certificates Nos. 570-W and 496-S in Charlotte County.

Dear Mr. Feil:

After reviewing the application in the above referenced docket, the staff has identified the following deficiencies. Please correct and/or provide additional information as requested.

1. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(j), Florida Administrative Code, the utility must provide a statement describing the capacity of the existing lines, the capacity of the treatment facilities and the design of the proposed extension. The utility's response in Exhibit D and H is summarized as follows: "Water is obtained from Charlotte County via an 8-inch and 10-inch interconnect. Florida Water Services does not own a wastewater treatment facility. All of the wastewater is conveyed to Charlotte County via an 8-inch force main. The Agreement between Charlotte County and Florida Water Services allows for water and sewer service for up to 10,000 residential units. There are currently 3,163 water customers in Deep Creek and 3,216 sewer customers in Deep Creek."

Charlotte County's objection in regard to this capacity is summarized as: "Under the terms of that agreement, FWS (Florida Water Services) is required to make payment to CCU (Charlotte County Utility) for capacity reservation and for connection fees. At the present time FWS is in the arrears for these payments. CCU is currently contemplating action against FWS for the recovery of these funds, which may include a moratorium on all future connections to the portion of FWS which receives bulk Service for CCU."

From this information it does not appear that Florida Water can provide water and wastewater service to this area. Please provide a current letter from Charlotte County that will authorize Florida Water Services to provide water and wastewater service to the 50 customers in the proposed area.

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2. As required by Chapter 367.045(2)(b), Florida Statutes, the applicant must provide information on the need or lack of need for service in the area. Although the application indicates there is a need for service, no time frame was provided. Please advise when service will be needed (months or years).

In addition to the deficiencies identified above, the staff requests additional clarification of information. These questions are listed below.

1. It appears the water and wastewater service availability charges for a 5/8" x 3/4" inch meter to service this area is as follows:

Description	Water	Wastewater
Main Extension Charge	\$ 446.00	\$ 480.00
Meter Installation Charge	\$ 90.00	
Service Installation Charge Paved 6 inch (wastewater)	\$ 143.00	\$ 605.00
Plant Capacity Charge	\$ 700.00	\$1,300.00
Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested Transmission/Distribution May, 1998	\$ 107.00	\$ 34.00
Total	\$1,186.00	\$2,419.00

Please advise if the above water and wastewater service availability charges for one customer in this area is correct. If not, please provide a substitute table.

2. It appears that the monthly water and wastewater rates for this area are as follows:

	Water	Wastewater
Base Facility Charge		
Meter Size	Charge	Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$13.62	\$19.04
Gallonage/1,000 gallons	\$3.88	\$4.91
Typical Bill using 5,000 gallons	\$33.02	\$43.59

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Please advise if the above water and wastewater rates for one customer in this area are correct. If not, please provide a substitute table.

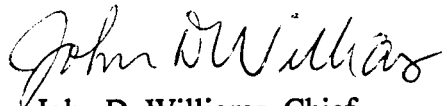
3. Are you aware that Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc. has revised their application to only request water service for the parcel at issue? Charlotte County intends to provide wastewater service to this parcel.

Please be advised that the application by Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc. is an application for an original certificate and **not** an application for amendment of certificate. In accordance with Chapter 367.031, Florida Statutes, the Commission shall grant or deny an application for a certificate of authorization within 90 days after the official filing date of the completed application, unless an objection is filed pursuant to s. 120.57, or the application will be deemed granted. At this time it has not been determined if Florida Water has filed a timely objection. Therefore, staff will be taking a recommendation to the Agenda to address that issue shortly.

Please file an original and twelve copies of the requested information no later than May 4, 1998 with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

If you have any questions please call Ms. Bobbie Reyes at (850) 413-6216.

Sincerely,



John D. Williams, Chief
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