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MEMORANDUM

June 1, 1998

TO : DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO) *RFA*

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN) *3/23/98*

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.

Attached please find a letter dated May 6, 1998 from Jim Crews, Planner IV, at the Department of Community Affairs, which should be placed in the above docket file.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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TO: *JTB* J. Thomas Beck, Chief, Bureau of Local Planning

THRU: Charles Gauthier, Growth Management Administrator
 Roger Wilburn, Community Program Administrator *Raw*

FROM: Jim Crews, Planner IV *JAC*

DATE: May 6, 1998

SUBJECT: Public Service Commission Utilities Expansion Application
 Florida Water Services (Charlotte County); PSC Docket No. 980261-WS

COMMENT DUE TO PSC:

MAY 22, 1998

Department Review of PSC Application.

Background:

Florida Water Services Corporation (FWS) has applied to the Public Service Commission to amend a water certificate and wastewater certificate to extend its service territory to add 19.55 acres. The extension area is located on Kings Highway across from the Deep Creek residential development in unincorporated Charlotte County.

The private utility proposes to extend water and wastewater lines to serve a 50-lot, single-family residential development. The approved subdivision is in an area on the Future Land Use Map designated for residential uses and urban infrastructure. FWS and Charlotte County Utilities (CCU), a public utility, both have existing water and wastewater lines in the immediate area.

The County has filed an objection with the PSC stating that the area lies within a CCU service area previously-approved by local ordinance. The objection states that FWS no longer has sufficient water and wastewater capacity to serve any new areas and that CCU may put a moratorium on all future connections to FWS lines because the private utility is in arrears on payments for capacity reservation under a bulk service agreement with CCU for potable water and wastewater treatment.

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Local Government Comprehensive Plan (Plan):

The proposed extension is located in an area on the Future Land Use Map that is designated for residential use and appropriate for urban infrastructure. It is also inside the County's Urban Service Area where it is appropriate to extend water and wastewater lines.

However, Infrastructure Objective 1 and related policies in the Plan require the County to ensure that adequate facility capacity is available to serve new development. The application appears to lack support information to document the availability of adequate water and wastewater capacity to serve development in the proposed extension area.

The County adopted a new Plan in 1997 which is under appeal and not in effect at this time. The new Plan delineates an Urban Service Area with Infill Areas where it is appropriate to extend potable water and sanitary sewer services. The proposed extension area is located inside the new Urban Service Area in a designated Infill Area.

Because of the proliferation of septic tanks on previously platted lots, the new Plan also requires water and sewer lines to be extended simultaneously (as well as mandatory connections). The application represents a request to extend both water and wastewater services.

Conclusions.

The review staff has identified no growth management concerns related to the Future Land Use Map or the Urban Service Area. The proposed extension is located in an area designated for residential uses and urban infrastructure. However, Plan objectives require the County to ensure that adequate facility capacity is available to serve new development. The application does not appear to contain support information to show that adequate water and wastewater capacity is available to serve the proposed extension area concurrently with new development.

ATTACHMENT
Utility Expansion Area Map

