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Ms. Blanca Bayo
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970657-WS; Application for certificates to
operate a water and wastewater utility in Charlotte
and DeSoto Counties by Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 980261-WS; Application for Amendment of
Certificate Nos. 570-W and 496-S in Charlotte County
by Florida Water Services Corporation.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced consolidated
dockets, please find an original and fifteen copies of the
Joint Motion For Continuance. Please acknowledge filing of
these items by date stamping the enclosed extra copy of
this letter and returning it in the postage paid envelope
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EAG _____ Matthew J. Feil
Staff Attorney

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In. Re: Application for)
and certificates to operate a)
water and wastewater utility)
in Charlotte and DeSoto Counties)
by Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc.)
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Docket No. 970657-WS

and

In Re: Application for)
Amendment of Certificate Nos.)
570-W and 496-S in Charlotte)
County by Florida Water Services)
Corporation.)
_____)

Docket No. 980261-WS

JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

COMES NOW, Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") and Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc. ("Lake Suzy") (Florida Water and Lake Suzy, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Movants"), by and through Florida Water's undersigned counsel, hereby jointly request a continuance for the final hearings in this matter. In support of this Joint Motion, the Movants state as follows:

1. The final hearing in these consolidated dockets is scheduled for January 13 and 14, 1999.
2. Florida Water and Lake Suzy have engaged in good faith settlement discussions and at this time appear to have reached agreement in principle on major points.
3. If the Movants can resolve this matter without the need for a hearing, the Movants, the parties, the Commission staff, and the Commission will save valuable time and expense.

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4. The Movants request that the Chairman cancel the hearing scheduled for January 13 and 14, 1999, and not reschedule said hearing pending further report from the Movants. Movants will report to the Commission within 90 days of the date of this Joint Motion as to whether the hearing needs to be rescheduled or if additional time is needed or if other action is appropriate.

5. Counsel for Lake Suzy has reviewed and authorized the filing of this Joint Motion. Counsel for Charlotte County/Charlotte County Utilities informed the undersigned that his client has no objection to this Joint Motion. Counsel for Lake Suzy reports that he has contacted Haus Development, Inc., who likewise has no objection to this Joint Motion.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Movants respectfully request the Chairman enter an Order granting a continuance for the hearing in this matter and directing Movants to make a settlement progress report to the Commission at the expiration of 90 days.


Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished via FACSIMILE AND Federal Express to Marty Friedman, Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, 2548 Blirstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; John Marks, Knowles, Marks & Randolph, 215 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; Bobbie Reyes, Florida Public Service Commission, Legal Division, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; Barbara Levin, Abel, Band, Russell, Collier, Pitchford & Gorden, 240 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34230; and Via FACSIMILE AND U.S. Mail to Charlotte L. Sopko, Haus Development, Inc., Post Office Box 3024, Port Charlotte, Florida 33949 on this 8 Day of January, 1999.



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