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WITNESS: Direct Testimony Of Charles R. Gauthier, Department of Community Affairs, on Behalf Of Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission

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1 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHARLES R. GAUTHIER

2 Q. WHAT IS YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?

3 A. My name is Charles R. Gauthier, and my business address is 2555 Shumard
4 Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

5 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

6 A. I am employed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as
7 Growth Management Administrator in the Bureau of Local Planning. My
8 responsibilities include the review of comprehensive plans and developments
9 of regional impact within approximately one third of the state including
10 Seminole County. I supervise 17 professional planners. Approximately 120
11 comprehensive plan amendment packages are reviewed each year.

12 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED WITH DCA?

13 A. I have been employed as Growth Management Administrator since October
14 of 1994. Previously I was employed by DCA for approximately two and one half
15 years.

16 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PROFESSIONAL PLANNER?

17 A. I have been employed in the planning field since 1977 in the areas of
18 environmental regulation, comprehensive planning, development review and
19 growth management. A copy of my resume is attached as CRG-1.

20 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

21 A. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Service
22 Commission (PSC) and DCA, which is referenced in Ms. Chase's testimony, I
23 provided comments to the PSC on Florida Water Services Corporation (Florida
24 Waters)'s application to extend its territory. My comments were provided via
25 memorandum dated March 6, 1998. The purpose of my testimony is to

1 | authenticate the March 6, 1998 memorandum, which is attached as Exhibit CRG-2.
2 | Q. WAS THE MARCH 6, 1998 MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY YOU OR AT YOUR DIRECTION
3 | AND CONTROL?
4 | A. Yes, it was.
5 | Q. COULD YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING FLORIDA WATER'S
6 | APPLICATION?
7 | A. My comments are limited to the land use designation for the requested
8 | territory. The territory requested is an urban area with existing industrial
9 | land uses and an industrial future land use designation. Any expansion of
10 | that service would not contribute to urban sprawl or promote land uses which
11 | would be incompatible with existing land uses.
12 | Q. THEREFORE, IS IT YOUR OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO EXTEND
13 | CENTRALIZED SEWER SERVICE TO THIS AREA?
14 | A. Yes, it is.
15 | Q. DO YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON WHETHER FLORIDA WATER'S APPLICATION IS
16 | CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY OF LONGWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?
17 | A. No. The DCA defers to local governments to interpret their own
18 | comprehensive plans. My comments are not related to the City's interpretation
19 | of its comprehensive plan in any way.
20 | Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
21 | A. Yes, it does.
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CHARLES R. GAUTHIER, AICP

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EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Growth Management Administrator, October 1994 to Present

Responsible for review of local governmental comprehensive plans, evaluation and appraisal reports, developments of regional impact and other planning documents within the areas of Northeast, East Central, Treasure Coast and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Councils. Responsible for drafting proposed legislation including optional sector plans and service as expert witness. Supervise 18 employees.

LEE COUNTY DIVISION OF ZONING

Zoning Manager, April 1990 to September 1994

Responsible for review of developments of regional impact, planned developments, rezonings, special exceptions and variances. Presented more than 300 cases to Hearing Examiner and Board of County Commissioners. Extensive experience with master planned communities, commercial centers, marinas and public facilities including Southwest Florida International Airport, Lee County Energy Recovery Plant and Florida Gulf Coast University. Supervised ten employees. (Position reclassified from Principal Planner in October 1993.)

WILSON, MILLER, BARTON AND PEEK, INC., NAPLES, FLORIDA

Senior Planner, June 1989 to April 1990

Responsible for land planning consulting including preparation and presentation of applications for developments of regional impact, planned developments, rezonings and site plan approval, assessments of site development potential, liaison with government and clients. Supervised one employee.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, NAPLES, FLORIDA

Instructor, April 1989 to June 1989

Responsible for teaching course "Familiarization with the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance of the Unincorporated Area of Collier County."

COLLIER COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Manager of Comprehensive Planning, December 1988 to June 1989

Responsible for formation of department and conduct of land use, transportation and technical planning. Supervised 13 employees.

COLLIER COUNTY PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT

Chief of Long Range Planning, October 1985 to December 1988

Responsible for implementation of existing Collier County Comprehensive Plan and preparation of Growth Management Plan. Prepared Immokalee Area Master Plan. Supervised five employees.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Planning Manager, Bureau of State Planning, August 1984 to October 1985

Assisted implementation of Resource Management Plans for Hutchinson Island, Charlotte Harbor and the Suwannee River including working closely with local governments on revisions to comprehensive plans and land development regulations. Supervised three employees.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Planner II, October 1983 to August 1984

Assisted initiation of Kissimmee River Resource Planning and Management Committee and implementation of Green Swamp and Big Cypress Areas of Critical State Concern.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

Environmental Specialist III, Office of the Secretary, October 1981 to July 1983

Assisted agency responsibilities on broad range of environmental policy issues including use of pesticides, water quality standards, outstanding Florida waters and water management district programs.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
Environmental Specialist II, Office of Director of Environmental Programs, June 1980 to October 1981
Duties related to major initiative to eliminate surface water discharges from sewage wastewater treatment plants in Orange and Osceola Counties.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
Environmental Specialist I, Bureau of Water Management, November 1977 to June 1980
Duties related to state comprehensive planning, water management district planning, water quality planning, state public works program and legislative monitoring. Emphasis on south Florida water management.

EDUCATION

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Master of Science, Geography, June 1976 to August 1977
Achieved Master of Science with specialization in spatial analysis of land use. The program of study was interdisciplinary and emphasized applicable skills including statistics, remote sensing, computer mapping, feasibility analysis, environmental hazards, environmental polity, planning legislation, transportation planning and environmental law. Graduate level courses completed in College of Business, College of Law and Departments of Urban and Regional Planning and Geography.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Bachelor of Arts, Geography, August 1972 to March 1976
Achieved Bachelor of Arts degree with emphasis on physical geography. Course work included meteorology, climatology, hydrology, physiography, geology, ecology, conservation, photo interpretation and cartography.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

MEMBER OF AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION SINCE 1986
MEMBER OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS SINCE 1988



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Billie Messer and John Williams, Division of Water and Wastewater
Public Service Commission

FROM: Charles Gauthier, AICP, Growth Management Administrator
Department of Community Affairs
Bureau of Local Planning

DATE: March 6, 1998

SUBJECT: Public Service Utilities Expansion Application
Florida Water Services Corp., PSC Docket No. 971638-SU

The Florida Water Services Corporation has applied to the Public Service Commission to amend its water and wastewater certificate to include additional land area in its service territory. The area proposed for addition to the Florida Water Services service territory is located in the City of Longwood in Seminole County, as follows: The Florida Central Commerce Park, Longwood, Florida, Township 21 South, Range 30 East, Section 6, the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4.

The area described above is an urban area with existing industrial land uses and an Industrial future land use designation. These facts have been verified with the planning staff of the City of Longwood.

The expanded service area would not contribute to urban sprawl or promote land uses which would be incompatible with existing land uses. The Department identifies no growth management issues related to the proposed expansion of the Florida Water Services Corporation service area as described above.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: In re: Application for
amendment of Certificate No.
226-S to add territory in
Seminole County by Florida Water
Services Corporation.

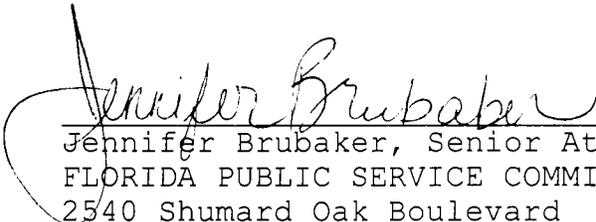
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail, this 22nd day of February, 1999, to the following:

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