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# Public Service Commission

June 23, 1999

Mr. Richard Peterson, Sr.  
Holmes Creek Water Utilities  
4930 Sugardoll Road  
Vernon, Florida 32462

Re: Docket No. 990618-WU, Request for acknowledgment of small system exemption from Florida Public Service Commission regulation for provision of water service in Washington County by Holmes Creek Water Utilities, and cancellation of Certificate No. 538-W.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Your request for cancellation of the water certificate held by Holmes Creek Water Utilities (Holmes Creek or utility) was officially filed with the Commission on May 13, 1999 and assigned the above referenced docket number and name. Please be sure to reference the docket number in any future correspondence with the Commission on this matter. I understand my staff has explained that there is no rule specifically addressing your request. As a consequence, there are no established filing requirements.

As you are probably aware, Section 367.022(6), Florida Statutes, does exempt from Commission regulation "(s)ystems with the capacity or proposed capacity to serve 100 or fewer persons." According to Rule 25-30.055, Florida Administrative Code, (copy attached) a water system is exempt under that statute if:

- AFA \_\_\_\_\_
- APP \_\_\_\_\_
- CAF \_\_\_\_\_
- CMU \_\_\_\_\_
- CTR \_\_\_\_\_
- EAG \_\_\_\_\_
- LEG 1
- MAS \_\_\_\_\_
- OPC \_\_\_\_\_
- RRR \_\_\_\_\_
- SEC 1
- WAW Body
- OTH \_\_\_\_\_

...its current or proposed water...treatment facilities and distribution...system have or will have the capacity, excluding fire flow capacity, of no greater than 10,000 gallons per day or if the entire system is designed to serve no greater than 40 equivalent residential connections (ERC). For purposes of this rule only, one ERC equals 250 gallons per day.

Since the utility's water treatment systems has a capacity of 72,000 gallons per day, the first criteria of the rule cited above obviously does not apply. Therefore, the following requests for additional information are intended to clarify the design limitations under which Holmes Creek is now operating.

*Map to WAW.*

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Request for additional information

1. Hook-ups. When Holmes Creek Water Utilities was originally certificated, the utility intended to provide service to 181 lots. Twenty-six of the lots were permanent homesites, 74 were campsites and 81 were vacant. The utility's recent reclassification to a noncommunity water system by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was based on an average year-round population of 24 residents on 12 service connections. In your request to the Commission you indicate that the total number of hook-ups has dropped to thirty-three. Presumably, then, 21 hook-ups are either not year-round or are vacant.

In order for staff to be clear on this matter, please provide a table which indicates how many hook-ups are permanent, how many are campsites, and how many are vacant. For the vacant lots, please indicate whether they can be permanent hook-ups. "SEE MAP"

2. Average Daily Capacity. Now that the utility has been declassified to a noncommunity system, monthly operating reports are no longer required to be filed with FDEP. According to FDEP, the last reports the agency had on file reflected average daily capacity use of 2,700 gallons. As a confirmation of usage, please indicate by month the average daily capacity used for the last 12 months the utility recorded average daily capacity.

"SEE MOR'S (4/98-5/99) ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER"

3. Flood Zone. In your conversations with staff, you have indicated that a portion of the utility's service territory has been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Flood Zone. Please briefly describe this situation and explain what it means in terms of the limits on service to that territory. Also, if there is any documentation of FEMA's action, please provide a copy with your response. "SEE MAP"

"NO DOCUMENTATION"

4. Expansion Constraints. The reason Rule 25-30.055, Florida Administrative Code, defines a small system based on the capacity of the well, rather than the service territory, is the potential for a utility with excess capacity to serve outside its service area. However, geographical constraints on expansion has been considered by the Commission as sufficient limitation on excess capacity. Please provide a statement of the extent to which the utility is constrained by any geographical limitations other than the above Flood Zone designation.

"DON'T HAVE ANY"

5. Map. I understand from staff that you are able to provide an annotated territory map. If this is the case, please mark the map to which lots are year-round, which are campsites, and which are vacant. The map should also show the flood zone designated by FEMA as well as any geographical limitations described above. "SEE MAP"

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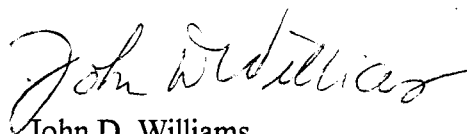
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With the exception of the map, please provide an original and five copies of the information requested above. Only one copy of the map needs to be provided. The information should be filed with the Commission as soon as practical but no later than July 21, 1999. Please send the information to the:

**Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850**

If you have any questions regarding the information requested, please contact either myself or a member of my staff, Ms. Patricia Brady, at (850) 413-6900.

Sincerely,



John D. Williams  
Chief, Bureau of Policy Development  
and Industry Structure

Attachment

JDW:plb

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Brady)  
Division of Legal Services (Crossman)  
Division of Records and Reporting

SYSTEM NAME Holmes Creek Water Utilities

PWS # 1670351

MONTH JUNE

YR. 1998

Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	780	610									1390
2.	1890	30									1920
3.	1890	20									1910
4.	1720	10									1730
5.	(2490)	(40)									(2530)
6.	(2490)	(40)									(2530)
7.	(1740)	(20)									(1760)
8.	(1740)	(20)									(1760)
9.	3500	160									3660
10.	2850	30									2880
11.	970	120									1090
12.	(2580)	(120)									(2700)
13.	(2580)	(120)									(2700)
14.	(2580)	(120)									(2700)
15.	2790	160									2950
16.	1570	40									1610
17.	1570	40									1610
18.	3990	470									4460
19.	4470	980									5450
20.	(2510)	(580)									(3090)
21.	(2510)	(580)									(3090)
22.	(2510)	(580)									(3090)
23.	3000	190									3190
24.	2990	180									3170
25.	5000	510									5510
26.	(2370)	(170)									(2540)
27.	(2370)	(170)									(2540)
28.	(2370)	(170)									(2540)
29.	1850	190									2080
30.	1890	190									2080
31.											

TOTAL	80,260
AVERAGE	2,680
MAX:	5,510

If you have any questions please call the Potable Water Section of the Department of Environmental Protection at (904) 444-8300.

Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	1450	10									1460
2.	2340	20									2410
3.	2510	10									2520
4.	(1270)	(30)									(1300)
5.	(1270)	(30)									(1300)
6.	930	0									930
7.	2540	30									2570
8.	250	300									550
9.	180	400									580
10.	170	350									560
11.	(280)	(800)									(1080)
12.	(280)	(800)									(1080)
13.	660	0									660
14.	900	10									910
15.	1260	30									1290
16.	1000	10									1010
17.	2020	30									2050
18.	380	0									380
19.	(1260)	(10)									(1270)
20.	(1260)	(10)									(1270)
21.	980	0									980
22.	970	0									970
23.	1190	0									1190
24.	1180	10									1190
25.	(610)	(740)									(1350)
26.	(610)	(740)									(1350)
27.	(610)	(740)									(1350)
28.	230	670									900
29.	340	620									1010
30.	1420	530									1950
31.	1380	510									1890

TOTAL	39,310
AVERAGE	1,270
MAX.	2,570

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Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	(1530)	(20)									(1550)
2.	(1530)	(20)									(1550)
3.	1230	10									1240
4.	1830	20									1850
5.	1820	10									1830
6.	1690	50									1740
7.	1690	40									1730
8.	(2340)	(70)									(2410)
9.	(2340)	(70)									(2410)
10.	1420	50									1470
11.	960	60									1020
12.	950	50									1000
13.	1210	180									1390
14.	1200	180									1380
15.	(690)	(80)									(770)
16.	(690)	(80)									(770)
17.	(690)	(80)									(770)
18.	1050	150									1200
19.	1040	150									1190
20.	920	140									1060
21.	920	130									1050
22.	(800)	(100)									(900)
23.	(800)	(100)									(900)
24.	1520	300									1820
25.	1340	270									1610
26.	1340	260									1600
27.	1860	240									2100
28.	980	110									1090
29.	1000	110									1110
30.	(1500)	(190)									(1690)
31.	(1500)	(190)									(1690)

TOTAL	43 840
AVERAGE	1,420
MAX.	2,100

Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	1630	290									1920
2.	1620	280									1900
3.	270	60									330
4.	1300	220									1520
5.	(1290)	(70)									(1360)
6.	(1290)	(70)									(1360)
7.	(1290)	(70)									(1360)
8.	610	70									680
9.	940	20									960
10.	930	40									970
11.	920	30									950
12.	(760)	(20)									(780)
13.	(760)	(20)									(780)
14.	(760)	(20)									(780)
15.	650	20									670
16.	1010	40									1050
17.	1010	40									1050
18.	850	20									870
19.	830	20									850
20.	(1040)	(30)									(1070)
21.	(1040)	(30)									(1070)
22.	9840	360									10140
23.	8340	850									9190
24.	8340	850									9190
25.	7110	980									8090
26.	(10660)	(1300)									(11960)
27.	(10660)	(1300)									(11960)
28.	(10660)	(1300)									(11960)
29.	6030	340									6370
30.	6020	330									6350
31.											

TOTAL	107,490
AVERAGE	3,580
MAX.	9,190

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# MONTHLY OPERATION REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

SYSTEM NAME Holmes Creek Water Utilities

PWS # 1670351

MONTH Dec.

YR. 98

Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	18700	1110									19810
2.	21060	1160									22220
3.	(9740)	(410)									(10150)
4.	(9740)	(410)									(10150)
5.	(9740)	(410)									(10150)
6.	(9740)	(410)									(10150)
	8250	420									8670
	8240	410									8650
9.	9200	910									10110
10.	9150	900									10090
11.	(1100)	(170)									(1270)
12.	(1100)	(170)									(1270)
13.	7350	630									8020
14.	7380	620									8060
15.	12180	2640									14220
16.	12120	2030									14200
17.	(13140)	(2390)									(15530)
18.	(13140)	(2390)									(15530)
19.	10040	1700									11740
20.	11590	2410									14000
21.	11550	2410									14000
22.	12250	2720									14970
23.	12250	2720									14970
24.	(13390)	(3600)									(16990)
25.	(13390)	(3600)									(16990)
26.	(13390)	(3600)									(16990)
27.	1070	260									1330
28.	1070	260									1330
29.	690	120									810
30.	(730)	(180)									(910)
31.	(730)	(180)									(910)

TOTAL	324,130
AVERAGE	10,460
MAX.	22,220



Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Plant #1	Plant #2	TOTAL
(1980)	(300)	(2280)
(1980)	(300)	(2280)
1150	120	1270
1140	110	1250
1110	170	1280
1100	160	1260
(1140)	(150)	(1290)
(1140)	(150)	(1290)
(1140)	(150)	(1290)
1060	90	1090
000	100	1100
990	90	1080
1220	20	1240
(920)	0	(920)
(920)	0	(920)
(920)	0	(920)
1490	0	1490
1480	0	1480
1060	0	1060
1050	10	1060
(1960)	(830)	(2790)
(1960)	(830)	(2790)
(1960)	(830)	(2790)
780	120	900
780	110	890
870	130	1000
876	120	990
(570)	(80)	(650)
(570)	(80)	(650)
(570)	(80)	(650)

TOTAL	39,950
AVERAGE	1,330
MAX.	1,490

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Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Plant #1	Plant #2										TOTAL
760	110										870
760	100										860
680	50										730
830	100										930
<1050>	<80>										<1130>
<1050>	<80>										<1130>
<1050>	<80>										<1130>
1260	810										2070
610	20										630
610	10										620
<9800>	<300>										<10100>
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<9800>	<300>										<10100>
1100	30										1130
920	40										960
920	40										960
880	40										920
870	40										910
<820>	<40>										<860>
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910	40										950
910	40										950
1050	70										1120
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1070	400										1470
1010	10										1020
1010	10										1020

TOTAL	58350
AVERAGE	1880
MAX.	2070

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SYSTEM NAME Holmes Creek Water Utilities

PWS # 1670351

MONTH JAN.

YR. 99

Day of Month	Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)										TOTAL
	Plant #1	Plant #2									
1.	(860)	(20)									(880)
2.	(860)	(20)									(880)
3.	(1580)	(50)									(1630)
4.	(1580)	(50)									(1630)
5.	2370	200									2570
6.	2380	200									2580
7.	2370	200									2570
8.	(1580)	(270)									(1850)
9.	(1580)	(270)									(1850)
10.	1580	70									1650
11.	1250	40									1290
12.	1250	40									1290
13.	780	40									820
14.	690	180									870
15.	680	170									850
16.	(930)	(70)									(1000)
17.	(930)	(70)									(1000)
18.	(930)	(70)									(1000)
19.	790	10									800
20.	780	10									790
21.	690	9									690
22.	690	10									700
23.	(650)	(10)									(660)
24.	(650)	(10)									(660)
25.	(650)	(10)									(660)
26.	900	10									910
27.	900	10									910
28.	890	30									920
29.	880	20									900
30.	(860)	(50)									(910)
31.	(860)	(50)									(910)

TOTAL	36,630
AVERAGE	1180
MAX:	2580

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SYSTEM NAME Holmes Creek Water Utilities

PWS # 1670351

MONTH

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Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Day of Month	Plant #1	Plant #2									TOTAL
1.	1230	50									1280
2.	1220	50									1270
3.	710	10									720
4.	710	10									720
5.	(830)	(30)									(860)
6.	(830)	(30)									(860)
7.	(830)	(30)									(860)
8.	(830)	(30)									(860)
9.	1060	20									1080
10.	1060	10									1070
11.	1100	0									1100
12.	1080	0									1080
13.	(1120)	(10)									(1130)
14.	(1120)	(10)									(1130)
15.	(1120)	(10)									(1130)
16.	860	0									860
17.	860	10									870
18.	720	80									800
19.	800	70									870
20.	(900)	(90)									(990)
21.	(900)	(90)									(990)
22.	(900)	(90)									(990)
23.	(900)	(90)									(990)
24.	700	50									750
25.	650	40									730
26.	530	70									600
27.	520	70									590
28.	620	190									810
29.											
30.											
31.											

TOTAL	25990
AVERAGE	930
MAX.	1280

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Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Day of Month	Plant #1	Plant #2									TOTAL
1.	650	60									710
2.	750	50									800
3.	730	30									760
4.	720	20									740
5.	820	20									840
6.	(810)	(30)									(840)
7.	(810)	(30)									(840)
8.	(810)	(30)									(840)
9.	680	20									700
10.	860	40									900
11.	850	40									890
12.	(860)	(40)									(900)
13.	(860)	(40)									(900)
14.	(750)	(60)									(810)
15.	(750)	(60)									(810)
16.	860	70									930
17.	1480	120									1600
18.	1460	130									1590
19.	1460	130									1590
20.	(1500)	(140)									(1640)
21.	(1500)	(140)									(1640)
22.	(1500)	(140)									(1640)
23.	1250	70									1320
24.	1350	60									1410
25.	1060	70									1130
26.	1050	40									1090
27.	(3390)	(90)									(3480)
28.	(3390)	(90)									(3480)
29.	(3390)	(90)									(3480)
30.	1730	150									1880
31.	1720	130									1850

TOTAL	42,060
AVERAGE	1,360
MAX.	1,880

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Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Day of month	Plant #1	Plant #2									TOTAL
1.	2320	120									2440
2.	880	40									920
3.	(1300)	(170)									(1470)
4.	(1300)	(170)									(1470)
5.	(1300)	(170)									(1470)
6.	1920	110									2030
7.	1620	160									1780
8.	1620	160									1780
9.	(2240)	(70)									(2310)
10.	(2240)	(70)									(2310)
11.	(2240)	(70)									(2310)
12.	(2240)	(70)									(2310)
13.	2500	180									2680
14.	2440	90									2530
15.	(3010)	(110)									(3120)
16.	(3010)	(110)									(3120)
17.	(2010)	(260)									(2270)
18.	(2010)	(260)									(2270)
19.	2360	70									3150
20.	2370	780									3150
21.	2510	90									2600
22.	2510	90									2600
23.	2880	350									3230
24.	30	1540									1570
25.	(2400)	(110)									(2510)
26.	(2400)	(110)									(2510)
27.	1650	X									1650
28.	1650	10									1660
29.	960	X									960
30.	950	X									950
31.											

TOTAL	65,130
AVERAGE	2,170
MAX.	3,230

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Quantity of Finished Water Produced for Each Plant (gallons)

Day of month	Plant #1	Plant #2								TOTAL
1.	(1170)	(10)								(1180)
2.	(1170)	(10)								(1180)
3.	(1170)	(10)								(1180)
4.	640	440								1080
5.	640	440								1080
6.	8	930								930
7.	260	630								890
8.	(1120)	(10)								(1120)
9.	(1120)	(10)								(1130)
10.	(1120)	(10)								(1130)
11.	8	300								300
12.	8	300								300
13.	1050	1070								2120
14.	1050	1060								2110
15.	(110)	(1270)								(1380)
16.	(110)	(1270)								(1380)
17.	(110)	(1270)								(1380)
18.	1950	8								1950
19.	1990	8								1990
20.	1070	50								1120
21.	1980	40								2020
22.	(1800)	(20)								(1820)
23.	(1800)	(20)								(1820)
24.	(1800)	(20)								(1820)
25.	2000	40								2040
26.	2120	60								2180
27.	1480	8								1480
28.	1470	8								1470
29.	(1830)	8								(1830)
30.	(1830)	8								(1830)
31.	(1830)	8								(1830)

TOTAL	45,080
AVERAGE	2,180
MAX.	1,450

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