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# Public Service Commission

September 14, 1999

Mr. Andrew B. Jackson  
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PO Box 2025  
Sebring, Florida 33871-2025

Re: Docket No. 990374-WU: Application for certificate to operate a water utility in Highlands County by the Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Your response to my April 22, 1999, deficiency letter was received on July 9, 1999. In your cover letter you stated that you were enclosing responses to all but the applicant's financial statement and proof of mailing and publication of the legal notice. To date, these items have not been received. In addition, some of the responses provided were incomplete. Therefore please provide the following:

Deficiencies:

1. Financial Ability. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.034(1)(d), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the applicant is to provide a statement regarding the financial ability of the applicant to continue to provide service. Exhibit E provided for this item is inadequate. A formal financial statement or balance sheet is needed to meet this requirement.

2. Rates and Charges. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.034(1)(g), F.A.C., the applicant is to provide a statement specifying on what date and under what authority the current rates and charges were established. Specific information needs to be provided on when and how the current owner established the current rates. The information provided on this issue in your July letter is incomplete.

Please note that in your letter you stated that late charge is \$10.00, however, Original Sheet No. 17.0 and Original Sheet No. 22.0 both indicate that the late charge is \$5.00 or 1½ % of unpaid balance. Please indicate which is the correct amount and provide cost justification

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for the level of late payment charge noted in your tariff, since this charge will be individually addressed by staff in the application recommendation. For your information, when the Commission has approved a late payment charge, it has been for a certain dollar amount and not for a percentage of the unpaid balance.

3. Required Notices. None of the three required notices have yet been received. A current list of those who are to receive notice of actual application in accordance with Section 367.045(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C., is enclosed.

#### Clarifications or Corrections

1. The copy provided of the Consumptive Use Permit issued to your utility has expired as of April 11, 1999. Has the permit been renewed? If it has, please provide a copy of the renewal.
2. The statement you provided explaining how and why the utility began providing service prior to obtaining a certificate of authorization is inadequate. Please provide a more detailed explanation on this issue.

#### Tariff Corrections

1. Original Sheet No. 14.0 R.V. Residential Service - According to your response letter, page 2, item #5, the CFR residents are charged at a rate \$35.00 per month by the Property Owners Association for all personal and common area water and wastewater services. Since the utility does not currently directly charge the residents for water and wastewater, this sheet may be blanked out, except for the common header and footer, with the notation added "Held for future use".
2. Original Sheet No. 23.0 Index of Service Availability - Indicates that The Schedule of Fees and Charges is on Sheet No. 17.0, however, it is actually on Sheet No. 18.0. Please correct this reference.
3. Original Sheet No. 24.0 Service Availability Policy - Indicates that The Schedule of Fees and Charges is on Sheet No. 17.0, however, it is actually on Sheet No. 18.0. Please correct this reference.

The original and four copies of the response to the information requested in this letter should be filed with the Commission on or before **October 29, 1999**. When filing the response, please be sure to reference the docket and to direct the response to :

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

Should you have any questions concerning the information requested in this letter, please contact Stephanie Clapp, of my staff, at (850) 413-6997.

Sincerely,



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

JDW/SAC:sc  
Enclosures

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (lowe, Messer, Redemann)  
Division of Legal Services (Crossman)  
Division of Records and Reporting

LIST OF WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY

(VALID FOR 60 DAYS)  
09/14/1999-11/12/1999

UTILITY NAME

MANAGER

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

BUTTONWOOD BAY UTILITIES, INC. (WS387) % ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP 2548 BLAIRSTONE PINES DRIVE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301-5915	MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN (850) 877-6555
C & H UTILITIES, INC. (SU526) P. O. BOX 1088 SEBRING, FL 33871-1088	WENDELL L. FAIRCLOTH (941) 471-1400
C & H UTILITIES, INC. (WU649) P. O. BOX 1088 SEBRING, FL 33871-1088	WENDELL L. FAIRCLOTH (941) 471-1400
COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING (WS654) 4800 HAW BRANCH ROAD SEBRING, FL 33872-4706	R. GREG HARRIS (941) 382-8538
CREOLA, INC. (SU658) P. O. BOX 1346 SEBRING, FL 33871-1346	DAVID L. HICKMAN (941) 385-0981
CRYSTAL LAKE CLUB (WS636) % CLAYTON, SHERWOOD, WILLIAMS 2500 MAITLAND CENTER PARKWAY, STE. 105 MAITLAND, FL 32751-4165	JOE SHERWOOD (407) 660-0050
DAMON UTILITIES, INC. (WS551) 47 LAKE DAMON DRIVE AVON PARK, FL 33825-8902	LISA DAVIS (941) 453-0773
FAIRMOUNT UTILITIES, THE 2ND, INC. (SU648) P. O. BOX 488 AVON PARK, FL 33826-0488	ROGER E. MILLER (941) 385-8542
FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION (WS618) P. O. BOX 609520 ORLANDO, FL 32860-9520	BRIAN P. ARMSTRONG (407) 598-4152
HARDER HALL - HOWARD, INC. (SU644) 122 EAST LAKE DRIVE BLVD. SEBRING, FL 33872-5018	PAUL E. HOWARD (941) 382-8725

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY (continued)

HEARTLAND UTILITIES, INC. (WU566)  
P. O. BOX 1991  
SEBRING, FL 33871-1991

HOWARD SHORT  
(941) 655-4300

HIGHLANDS RIDGE ASSOCIATES, INC. (WS672)  
3003 EAST FAIRWAY VISTA DRIVE  
AVON PARK, FL 33825-6001

ROB REED  
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HIGHLANDS UTILITIES CORPORATION (SU299)  
720 U.S. HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-9515

DIXON PUGH  
(941) 465-1296

HOLMES UTILITIES, INC. (WU760)  
760 HENSCRATCH ROAD  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-8397

DANIEL HOLMES  
(941) 465-6044 OR -6911

LAKE JOSEPHINE WATER (WU349)  
760 HENSCRATCH ROAD  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-8397

DARALD E. PUGH  
(941) 465-2916

LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC. (WS709)  
% UTILITIES, INC.  
200 WEATHERSFIELD AVENUE  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714-4099

DONALD RASMUSSEN  
(407) 869-1919

LANDMARK ENTERPRISES, INC. (SU686)  
62 LAKE HENRY DRIVE  
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-6000

DAVID S. PLANK  
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LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-9749

ROLAND TOBLER  
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3625 VALERIE BLVD.  
SEBRING, FL 33870-7814

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GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

CENTRAL FL. REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 2089  
BARTOW. FL 33831

CLERK, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
590 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
SEBRING. FL 33870-3867

DEP SOUTH DISTRICT  
2295 VICTORIA AVE.. SUITE 364  
FORT MYERS. FL 33901

MAYOR, CITY OF AVON PARK  
110 EAST MAIN STREET  
AVON PARK. FL 33825-3945

MAYOR, CITY OF SEBRING  
368 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
SEBRING. FL 33870-3606

MAYOR, TOWN OF LAKE PLACID  
50 PARK DRIVE  
LAKE PLACID. FL 33852-9693

S.W. FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2379 BROAD STREET  
BROOKSVILLE. FL 34609-6899

SO. FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 24680  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416-4680

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STATE OFFICIALS

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C/O THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE CAPITOL  
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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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