



Public Service Commission

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DATE: February 17, 2000
TO: Joe Garcia, Chairman
FROM: Cheryl Johnson, Analyst, Division of Water and Wastewater
 D. Tyler Van Leuven, Staff Attorney, Division of Legal Services
RE: Docket No. 990975-SU - Application for transfer of Certificate No. 281-S in Lee County from Bonita Country Club Utilities, Inc. to RealNor Hallandale, Inc.

On July 29, 1999, Realnor Hallandale, Inc. (Realnor or utility) filed an application on behalf of Bonita Country Club Utilities, Inc. (Bonita) for the transfer of Certificate No. 281-S in Lee County to Realnor. Realnor, the transferee, obtained rights to the transferor's utility through a mortgage foreclosure. Realnor is currently operating the utility as required by Section 367.071(6), Florida Statutes, without compensation.

While analyzing and preparing the transfer recommendation, several new issues arose which required additional information. Therefore, staff requested additional information to better understand each party's needs, which was not received until February 10, 2000. The information received required an in-depth analysis and therefore has caused staff to need additional time to complete its analysis. This docket contains many complex and unusual issues which have required an above average amount of staff's time.

Additionally, the cancellation of the March 14, 2000, Agenda Conference has caused staff's timetable to be moved forward. Staff believes that it would place a significant burden upon Realnor Hallandale to not file this recommendation for the February 29, 2000, Agenda Conference because a decision needs to be made as soon as possible concerning funds that are being held in escrow which relate to the utility's operation and maintenance expenses.

Therefore, staff respectfully requests that it be allowed to late-file a recommendation by 2 P.M., Monday, February 21, 2000, for the February 29, 2000, Agenda Conference.

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Recommend approval MAB
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