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Re: Docket No. 970409-SU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") are the original and fifteen copies of the Joint Progress Report.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Kenneth A. Hoffman]

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of limited proceeding )  
to restructure wastewater rates for )  
Florida Water Service Corporation's )  
Tropical Isles service area in St. Lucie )  
County. )  
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Docket No. 970409-SU

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JOINT PROGRESS REPORT

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), pursuant to the requirements of Order No. PSC-00-1197-PCO-SU issued in the above-referenced docket, hereby file the following progress report concerning the status of the sale of the Tropical Isles wastewater system to the Tropical Isles customers:

1. The acquisition of the Tropical Isles wastewater system by the homeowners' association continues to progress towards completion. The financial terms have been worked out between the parties and the association has applied for non-profit corporate status in order to pursue and secure an exemption from Florida Public Service Commission regulation pursuant to Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. The parties continue to work on and move toward resolution of the specific terms of the purchase agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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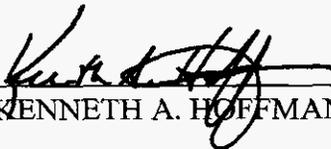
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was furnished by U.S. Mail to the following this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000:

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