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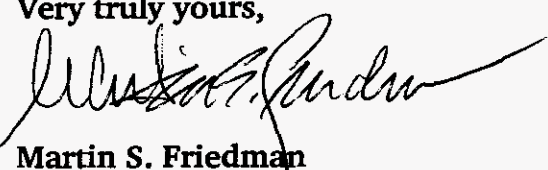
**Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Clerk
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850**

**Re: Highlands Utilities Corporation; Docket No. 000183-SU
Our File No. 28087.05**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

In response to Highlands Utilities Corporation's letter to the Sebring City Attorney contending that the increase charge to obtain meter reading information violated the Public Records Act, the City of Sebring has apparently withdrawn or at least delayed, the implementation of an increase in its charge to private utilities to obtain water meter reading information. Therefore, please accept this letter as Highlands Utilities Corporation's withdrawal of its Petition for Limited Proceeding. Please return the \$1,000 filing fee to this firm for forwarding to Highlands Utilities Corporation.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**Martin S. Friedman
For the Firm**

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