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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST

Mr. B. Kenneth Gatlin, Esquire
Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster
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215 South Monroe Street, Suite 815
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Docket No. 980876-WS - Application for certificates to operate a water and wastewater utility in Marion County by Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

As you are aware, by Order No. PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS, issued October 12, 1998, in the above-referenced docket, Ocala Springs Utilities Inc. (OSUI or utility) was granted a temporary variance from or temporary waiver of Rules 25-30.033(1)(h), (j), (k), (m), (o), (r), (t), (u), (v), (w), (2), (3), and (4) and 25-30.433(10), Florida Administrative Code. By Order No. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS, issued December 7, 1998, in the above-referenced docket, OSUI was granted Certificates Nos. 604-W and 520-S. The docket was held open pending the completion of the filing requirements and the establishment of rates and charges.

As discussed in Order No. PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS, and as specifically required by Order No. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS, OSUI was to submit detailed system maps and evidence of ownership of plant sites with the Commission when it submitted its application for a consumptive use (water) permit with the water management district and its application for (wastewater) construction permits with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. According to OSUI's representations, the permits were to be submitted by July 1, 1999, with construction commencing by January 1, 2000.

To date, neither the information required nor a request for an extension of time has been received by the Commission. In addition, Order No. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS required OSUI to submit a separate application, within Docket No. 980876-WS, to establish initial rates and charges within _____ months of the date of the order. Thus, this information will be due approximately four months from now.

By this letter, Commission staff is providing a courtesy reminder of the requirements of Orders Nos. PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS and PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS. Also, please have OSUI provide

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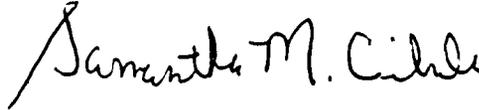
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a detailed progress report on its permitting and construction efforts to date. The progress report should be submitted in writing by September 15, 2000 to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-6202 or Patti Daniel or Patricia Brady in the Division of Regulatory Oversight at 413-6480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha M. Cibula". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Samantha Cibula
Senior Attorney

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cc: Division of Regulatory Oversight (Brady, Daniel)

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