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Public Service Commission

December 13, 2000

Mr. Larry Truckermiller
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Re: Docket No. 001585-WU - Application for amendment of Certificate No. 424-W to add territory located in Highlands County by AquaSource Utility, Inc. (AquaSource)

Dear Mr. Truckermiller:

I have received a copy of your letter dated December 13, 2000, in which you express concern about the application of your water company for extension of its service area. In that letter, you state that customers are having problems with low water pressure, and that you hoped the Commission "would consider the plight of the people already getting bad service, and include enlarging the water mains to us." Further, you state that you would appreciate any information that this Commission could give you regarding this application and also "any information about agreements to the prior sale of the Water company to AquaSource."

You do not state which water company you are referring to, but it appears it must have been the former Lake Josephine Water Company. The transfer of this water company to AquaSource was approved by Order No. PSC-00-1389-PAA-WU (order attached), issued July 31, 2000, and made final by Order No. PSC-00-1532-CO-WU, issued August 23, 2000, in Docket No. 991001-WU. That transfer docket was closed on November 6, 2000.

In Order No. PSC-00-1389-PAA-WU, the Commission found that AquaSource had both the technical and financial ability to operate a utility, and approved the transfer application. However, the Commission also found that the utility was serving outside its certificated territory, and ordered the utility to file an amendment application within 60 days of the effective date of Order No. PSC-00-1389-PAA-WU.

Order No. PSC-00-1389-PAA-WU became effective on August 23, 2000, and the utility filed its application for amendment of certificate on October 23, 2000. It is apparently this application of which you received notice. Copies of both the application for extension and application for transfer are attached to this letter for your information. Exhibit A, attached to the application for

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transfer, is the Asset Purchase Agreement, which was entered into between AquaSource and Darald Pugh for the transfer of the assets of Lake Josephine Water.

As noted in the Order and in the utility's application, this application for amendment (extension of service territory) involves no change in utility operations. The purpose of the application is to correct the utility's certificated area to show the area that it is actually serving. The utility states that since it "is already serving the property in question," that there will be no need to construct or upgrade its water plant.

I have advised the Commission staff engineer assigned to this case and the utility of your concerns with low water pressure, and both the staff engineer and the utility stated they would look into it. However, if you continue to have problems with low water pressure, you may call the Commission's Consumer Affairs Department at the toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

Pursuant to your requests, I have placed your name on the interested persons list so that you may receive any recommendations filed by staff or any orders issued by the Commission in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6234. Any correspondence should reference Docket No. 001585-WU.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Division of Records and Reporting (without attachments)
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