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TO: Ms. Billie Messer
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Florida Public Service Commission

FROM: Michael D. McDaniel, Growth Management Administrator *MDM*

RE: Public Service Commission Utilities Expansion Application
Highlands Utilities Corp., Highlands County, PSC Docket No. 001660-SU

DATE: January 4, 2001

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Attached for your consideration is the Department's review of the Highlands Utilities Corporation's application for an amended certificate to expand the service area in a section of Highlands County, Florida. The Department has reviewed the application for consistency with the applicable local government comprehensive plan, in this case Highlands County, and has found the application to be consistent with said plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in this decision-making process.

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To: Charlie Gauthier, Chief, Bureau of Local Planning

Through: Mike McDaniel, Growth Management Administrator *MDM*
Brenda Winningham, Community Program Administrator *BW*

From: Mary Frances Mullins, Planner IV *mf*

Date: December 12, 2000

Subject: Public Service Commission Utility Expansion Application
Highlands Utilities Corporation; Highlands Co.;
PSC Docket No. 001660-SU

Comments due to PSC **January 5, 2001**

Summary

Highlands Utilities Corporation (HUC) has applied to the Public Service Commission for an amended certificate to expand its Sewer Facilities service area in Highlands County, Florida. HUC currently provides sanitary sewer service to three areas in western Highlands County: west of Sebring; northeast of Lake Placid; and south of Lake Placid, including in the expansion area.

Background

This application is for amendment of Sewer Certificate No. 361-S to add territory to the HUC service area. As a result of a lawsuit between HUC and the City of Sebring regarding infringement of service areas, HUC learned that it is serving areas outside its certificated area. This amendment is to include in the Certificate those areas which HUC is already serving. These areas were not subject to the lawsuit. Most of the lands within the expansion area are designated on the County's Future Land Use Map as Medium and High Density Residential and Vested Subdivision.

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Conclusion and Recommendation

The proposed service territory of Highlands Utilities Corporation is consistent with the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan. Staff does not recommend any objections to the application.