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Public Service Commission

February 26, 2001

Mr. Robert Hotz 15 Miami Drive Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Re: Docket No. 990374-WS - Application for certificates to operate a water and wastewater utility in Highlands County by The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P.

Dear Mr. Hotz:

We are in receipt of your letter, in which you object to the application filed by The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P. in the above-referenced docket. We will be conducting a field investigation in the next month to address your concerns about the territory desription, the metering of some properties, and the rates charged to customers of different properties.

While there still may be unanswered questions, the Commission needs to know your intent regarding your objection to this application. If you choose to pursue your objection, a hearing will be scheduled in which you will be required to provide testimony and other evidence to support your protest. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may wish to hire an attorney to represent you.

Please advise me by March 12, 2001, if you intend to pursue your objection and thus a hearing. You can reach me at (850) 413-6236. If I do not hear from you by March 12, 2001, I will assume that you do not want to pursue a hearing and your letter will be placed in the correspondence side of the docket file in this case for informational purposes.

Sincerely,

ason K. Fudge Staff Attorney

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