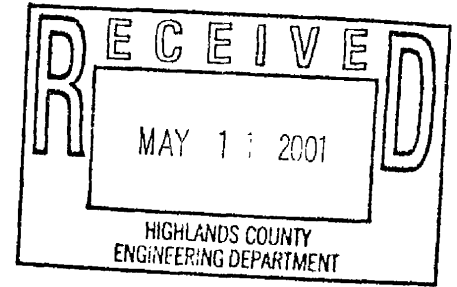




Holmes Utilities, Inc.  
760 Henscratch Road  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852



May 8, 2001

Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County  
Board of County Commissioners  
600 South Commerce Ave.  
Sebring, Florida 33870

Reference: Holmes Utilities, Inc. - Staff Assisted Rate Case Application

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the application that was sent to the Public Service Commission for a Staff Assisted Rate Case (SARC).

It was requested by the Public Service Commission to send a copy of the application to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County. Holmes Utilities, Inc. also have to provide proof that a copy of the SARC application was sent to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the SARC application, and on this form a signature, title and date space. Please sign, and date this form for the utilities proof of the mailing of the SARC application was sent to your office and return to the utilities office in the self-address stamped envelope provided.

Thank you.

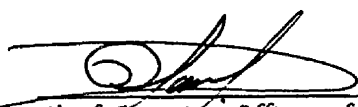
Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa K. Holmes".

Lisa K. Holmes, Vice President  
Holmes Utilities, Inc.

Enclosure

Proof of Receipt - Copy of the Staff Assisted Rate Case (SARC) application for Holmes Utilities, Inc.

  
Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County,

5-18-01  
Date