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Hublic Service Commission

August 7, 2001

Robert G. LaBarnes 1901 Kings Point Boulevard Kissimmee, Florida 34744

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL 7000 0600 0027 1507 2573

Re: Docket No. 010941-WS - Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Osceola County by Kings Point Utility, Inc.

Dear Mr. LaBarnes:

Thank you for your letter dated July 31, 2001, regarding the application filed in the above-referenced docket. In your letter, you indicated that you object to certification of the utility and requested the city of Kissimmee continue to provide service to you.

According to the information provided in the application, at the time the City of Kissimmee became receiver of the utility, the utility's systems were dismantled and interconnected to the City's systems. Currently, the utility only consists of a wastewater collection system including one lift station, and a water distribution system. Kings Point Utility, Inc. proposes to purchase potable water and wastewater service from the City of Kissimmee. Therefore, the City of Kissimmee will provide bulk water and wastewater service to the utility and the utility will provide these same water and wastewater services to you.

This Commission will consider your concerns when reviewing the application to determine if the granting of certificates to Kings Point Utility, Inc. is in the public interest. However, the Commission needs to know your intent regarding your objection to this application. If you choose to pursue the objection, you may request a formal hearing, which will be scheduled and at 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 this Commission by August 14, 2001, if you intend to pursue your objection² and wish to request a formal hearing. Your request should be made in writing and should be addressed to Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services² Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida

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32399-0850. If we do not hear from you by August 17, 2001, we will assume that you do not wish to pursue a formal hearing and your letter will be placed on the correspondence side of the docket file in this case for informational purposes.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (850) 413-6076 or Ms. Cheryl Johnson at (850) 413-6984.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence Harris Senior Attorney

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cc: Martin Friedman, Esquire Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Division of Regulatory Oversight (Johnson, Redemann)

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