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October 24, 2001.

Division of Commission Clerk and Fiscal Services,  
Florida Public Service Commission,  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard,  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Dear Sirs:

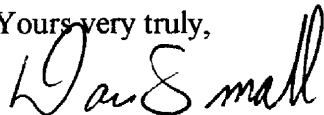
RE: Silver City Utilities WU362

We wish to advise that we would like to commence abandonment of the above-noted water system as of December 31, 2001. We will co-operate with any organization regarding this matter if an extension is warranted.

We would like to offer a brief history of the Utility and enclose herewith photocopies of letters to the Commission dated July 27, 1999 and February 28, 2001. We again reiterate that the Utility has never received any revenue from its customers at any time and also has never had a rate case done.

We feel that the homeowners association has been given ample time to assume full responsibility for the water system. We are sorry that a more amicable conclusion could not be reached to this problem. We trust that you will give this your utmost consideration. We can be reached at the above-noted address or by telephone at 519-396-2350 or 519-396-2658.

Yours very truly,



David L. Small

c.c. Marion County, Board of County Commissioners  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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355 Princes Street,  
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July 27, 1999

Florida Public Service Commission,  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard,  
Tallahassee, Florida,  
U.S.A. 32399-0873

Attention: Ms. Kathy Kaprothe

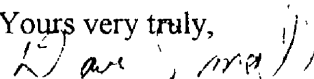
Dear Sirs:

We purchased our first parcel of land in the Silver City Subdivision in 1978 and in subsequent years additional acreage was included in our holdings. Mr. Archie Gordon of the firm Gordon Engineering Associates, Inc. filed an application on our behalf and on April 2, 1984 Silver City Utilities was granted Certificate Number 413-W.

Our chief objective was to sell lots in the subdivision and water was offered as an incentive for buying a lot. No revenue was ever generated by Silver City Utilities. We paid all the bills and filed the necessary annual reports and filing fees. We incurred expenses with regard to hiring accountants, etc. to prepare the annual reports; we paid a firm for servicing the well on a weekly basis to maintain the proper standards as set out by the Commission, the Saint John's Water Authority and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Central District Office in Orlando; we also paid the realty taxes. Finally, in 1997, we felt that we could no longer offer free water and we approached the association formed by the mobile home owners in the Silver City Subdivision. We wanted them to assume ownership of the water system together with all expenses. The association agreed to assume the expenses of the water system but were not prepared to incorporate in order to assume ownership of the system. This organization elects new officials every year and therefore permanent names cannot be given with regard to the various positions. The association of mobile home owners collects a nominal fee from everyone in order to cover the expenses of the water system. The association does not have the necessary funds needed to incorporate.

Any assistance you can give with regard to this matter would be greatly appreciated. We would hope that you could resolve the situation to relieve us of the responsibilities of the water system. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

  
David L. Small

355 Princes Street  
Kincardine, Ontario.  
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February 28, 2001.

Mr. Tim Devlin,  
Division of Economic Regulation,  
Florida Public Service Commission,  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard,  
Tallahassee, Florida.  
32399-0850

Dear Sir:

Re: Silver City Utilities WU362

We wish to advise that Silver City Utilities has never received any revenue from its customers at any time. We also have never had a rate case done.

Currently the mobile homeowners are trying to complete the necessary documentation in order to take over the system. Pat Brady has been working with them in this undertaking. The homeowners association has been responsible for looking after the system for the past three years and paid the expenses connected with keeping the system running. We hope that this transition can be completed in a timely fashion so that the association can assume total responsibility for the system. The homeowners association will be having a meeting regarding this in March, 2001.

We trust that by filing the 2000 Annual Report you will be able to expedite the changeover.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Yours very truly,

David L. Small