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Docket No. 011006-SU; Application of North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. for extension of Re:

wastewater service in Lee County

Dear Mr. Friedman:

With regard to the above-referenced application, the Commission staff contacted the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for input concerning compliance with the Lee County comprehensive plan. By letter dated November 1, 2001, the DCA responded, stating that there is not a problem with the proposed extension involving the area around I-75. For the area west of US Highway 41, and specifically land sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Township 43 South, Range 24 E, the DCA notes that this land is not planned for urban development at this time. Additionally, all of Section 7, and the west half of Section 6 are contained in the Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods CARL Project Boundary, which apparently is not earmarked for development.

The matters discussed in the DCA's letter appear to raise issues regarding the need for service in the affected area. In light of the DCA opinion, please respond to the Commission with any additional information which would address the need for service in this area. Also, please provide copies of any inquiries that North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. has received in which prospective customers/developers have expressed a need for wastewater service for the areas involved in this application. Please be sure that the information provided will enable staff to determine the location of the area where the service is requested.

Staff's recommendation is currently scheduled to be filed by January 24, 2002. As time is of the essence to allow sufficient time for staff to analyze the data requested, we are requesting that responses to the above questions be provided by December 10, 2001. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6228 or Tom Walden at (850) 413-6950.

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Sincerely,

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