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Re: Docket No. 980876-WS
Application for certificate to operate a water and wastewater utility in Marion
County by Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed on behalf of Ocala Springs Utilities Inc. is an original and fifteen (15) copies of
a Motion for Extension of Time of Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this
letter and returning same to my attention.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for)
certificates to operate a) Docket No. 980876-WS
water and wastewater utility)
in Marion County by Ocala) Filed: December 4, 2001
Springs Utilities Inc.)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
OF OCALA SPRINGS UTILITIES INC.

Ocala Springs Utilities Inc. ("OSUI"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this its motion for extension of time in which to file information pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") requirements in this docket, and states:

1. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS, issued December 7, 1998 in this docket, OSUI was granted Certificate Nos. 604-W and 520-S. Certification was obtained in order to provide OSUI and Avatar Properties Inc. ("API"), its affiliated developer, with the reasonable assurances required to effectively plan and coordinate the development of Ocala Springs active adult community development in Marion County ("Ocala Springs") and the utility infrastructure necessary to provide water and wastewater service in an efficient and cost-effective manner. At the time that OSUI applied for certification from the PSC, the planning and permitting of the Ocala Springs were

imminent, and development was intended to commence within two years.

2. Order No. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS required OSUI as part of this docket and pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS, to submit a separate application by December 7, 2000, to establish initial rates and charges, and to submit detailed system maps and evidence of ownership of plant sites at the time it submits its applications for permits with the Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This docket was held open pending the completion of the filing requirements and the establishment of rates and charges.

3. Development of Ocala Springs was delayed for the reasons set forth in Response of Ocala Springs Utilities Inc., to Staff's First Data Request and Request for Extension of Time to File Information Pursuant to Orders Nos. PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS and PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS, filed September 12, 2000, and Supplemental Response of Ocala Springs Utilities Inc. to Staff's First Data Request and Amended Request for Extension of Time, filed October 11, 2000 ("Supplemental Response"). Order No. PSC-00-2387-FOF-WS, Order Granting Amended Request for Extension of Time and Requiring Status Report, issued December 13, 2000, granted OSUI until February 7, 2002 to file an application in this docket for initial rates and charges, including all previously required information.

4. API has informed OSUI that API does not feel that it would be a prudent business and investment decision to proceed with the development of Ocala Springs under the present prevailing market and economic conditions. Thus, OSUI is not in a position to undertake permitting and construction of the utility infrastructure proposed for Ocala Springs. The filing of an application for initial rates and charges by February 7, 2002 as required by Order No. PSC-00-2387-FOF-WS on the part of OSUI would, because of the aforesaid, be premature at this time.

5. There is no water and wastewater utility service available to the Ocala Springs except by OSUI. Granting of this motion would be in the public interest because it allows a certificated utility to remain in existence to be ready to serve a proposed development where there is no other utility provider in existence.

6. The continued certification of OSUI as service provider for Ocala Springs remains important to the orderly development, and regulatory and permitting process.

7. Granting of this motion would be wholly consistent with Section 367.111(1), Fla. Stat., which gives the PSC discretionary authority to review a utility's authority to serve an area if service has not been provided within five years after the date of authorization for service. In this case, OSUI's

application for certificates was granted on December 7, 1998, and thus has been certificated only three years.

8. The current proposed time frame for OSUI permitting and construction is as follows:

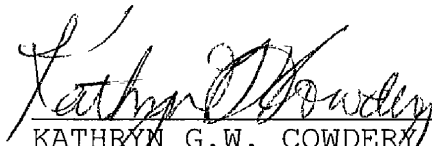
Final decision as to type of development (active adult vs. traditional residential)	April 2003
Commencement of replanning and replatting of development with Marion County	April 2003
Major advertising effort begins for the Ocala Springs development	July 2003
Consumptive use permit application submitted to Water Management District	October 2003
Construction permit application for water and wastewater facilities submitted to DEP	October 2003
Submit to PSC copies of detailed system maps and evidence of ownership of plant sites	December 7, 2003
File with PSC application to establish initial water and wastewater rates	December 7, 2003
Construction to begin on water and wastewater facilities	March 2004

WHEREFORE, OSUI, respectfully requests that the Commission grant it:

1. An extension of time from the February 7, 2002 filing date established by Order No. PSC-00-2387-FOF-WS in which to file the information required by Order Nos. PSC-98-1374-PCO-WS and PSC-98-1644-FOF-WS, as set forth therein, until December 7, 2003; and

2. Such other relief as is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of December 2001.

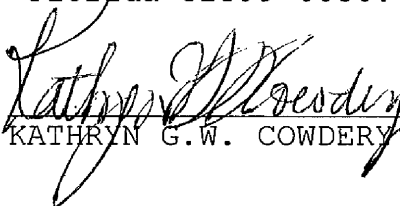


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time of Ocala Springs Utilities Inc. has been furnished this 4th day of December 2001, by hand delivery to Samantha Cibula, Division of Appeals, Gunter Building, Room 301D, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.



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