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In re: Application for Transfer of Certificate No. 281-S From RealNor Hallandale, Inc. to Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc. – Docket No. 020707-SU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five copies of a Response to the Objection of Gerald R. Kublick. Also please find the original and five copies of a Motion to Dismiss the objections of Michael J. Miceli, which he filed on behalf of Bonita Country Club Utilities, Inc., Platinum Coast Financial Corp. and Joseph Miceli.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for transfer of	)	
Certificate No. 281-S from RealNor	)	DOCKET NO. 020707-SU
Hallandale, Inc. to Bonita Springs	)	
Utilities, Inc.	)	Filed Cugust 29 2002
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#### RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

On August 7, 2002, Gerald R. Kublick, Jr., 10283 Sandy Hollow Lane, Bonita Springs, Florida, filed an objection to the transfer application in this docket. RealNor Hallandale, Inc. believes that Gerald R. Kublick, Jr. is a customer of RealNor Hallandale, Inc. for wastewater service and is a customer of Bonita springs Utilities, Inc. for water services.

Mr. Kublick has several complaints:

1) Mr. Kublick alleges that this transfer is nothing more than a creative way to raise rates.

RESPONSE: This transfer application would not raise rates. On the contrary, RealNor Hallandale believes that Mr. Kublick would experience a decrease in rates as a result of the transfer. Based on Mr. Kublick's water consumption for the months of February through July, 2002, Mr. Kublick would have paid Bonita Springs Utilities slightly less for wastewater service than he paid RealNor Hallandale:

Rate Comparison for Gerald Kublick				
Year 2002				
Month	Usage	RNH Charge*	BSU Charge**	
February	3,400 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 25.92	
March	6,100 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 32.21	
April	4,900 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 29.42	
May	5,700 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 31.28	
June	3,600 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 26.39	
July 2,100 gal.	\$ 28.17	\$ 22.89		
		\$169.02	\$168.11	

\* See attached RNH Wastewater Tariff First Revised Sheet No. 13.0.

\*\* See attached sewer rate adjustment schedule. Calculation uses FY 2002 proposed rates.



Besides, rates are not the reason for the transfer. RealNor Hallandale is not ordinarily a utility. It became the owner of the utility as a result of a foreclosure sale. Although RealNor Hallandale has done an acceptable job of managing a property that was thrust in its hands, it is probably better to have utilities manage wastewater treatment facilities.

2) Mr. Kublick complains that the transfer would somehow violate the subscribers agreement that Mr. Kublick entered into with Bonita Country Club Utilities, the predecessor of RealNor Hallandale. A copy of the agreement was attached to Mr. Kublick's objections.

RESPONSE: Mr. Kublick has not specified how the transfer would violate his subscribers agreement, and a review of the agreement does not readily reveal the reasons for Mr. Kublick's concern. On the contrary, there does not appear to be any impediment to transfer of utility ownership.

3) Finally, Mr. Kublick would like the PSC to guarantee that the transferee, Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc. will not raise rates as long as Mr. Kublick owns his home.

RESPONSE: Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc. is a non-profit corporation which is not subject to regulation by the PSC, pursuant to s. 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. If the transferee is not subject to regulation by the PSC, then the PSC can not set future rates for Bonita Springs Utilities.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Kublick has asked the PSC to do some things that are beyond the PSC's jurisdiction. On the other hand, the PSC might have jurisdiction to address Mr. Kublick's concern about being put into a situation where he would face exorbitant rates from a transfer approval. Theoretically, that could amount to a situation that would be contrary to the public interest, as it affects the existing customers of a transferor. In this case, however, Mr. Kublick's concerns are simply misplaced and are nothing that the PSC needs to resolve.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been sent by U. S. Mail or

hand-delivery this 29 day of Quegust, 2002 to the following parties of record:

Gerald K. Kublick, Jr. 10283 Sandy Hollow Lane Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Katherine Echternact Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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### FIRST REVISED SHEET NO. 13.0 REPLACING ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 13.0

NAME OF COMPANY: REALNOR HALLANDALE, INC.

WASTEWATER TARIFF

#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

### RATE SCHEDULE RS

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For wastewater service for all purposes in private residences, mobile homes and

and individually metered apartment or multi-residential units.

<u>LIMITATIONS</u> - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and

Regulations of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATE - Flat Rate -

Single family homes - \$28.17

Individually metered apartments or

multi-residential units - \$28.17 per unit

Mobile Homes - \$18.78

MINIMUM CHARGE - \$28.17 per home or unit per month; \$18.78 per mobile home per month.

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered. In accordance with Rule 25-30.320,

Florida Administrative Code, if a Customer is delinquent in paying the bill for

wastewater service, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE - For Service rendered on or after April 24, 2001

TYPE OF FILING - 2000 Price Index

VALERIE A. STOTT
ISSUING OFFICER

ASST. SEC. TITLE



## Sewer Rate Adjustment - Residential

## **Residential Sewer Rates**

	Existing	FY 2002 Proposed	FY 2003 Proposed
Base Charge	\$16.35	\$18.00	\$20.20
Billing Charge [1]	\$2.40	\$2.75	\$2.95
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Usage Charge per 1,000	ቀኅ ብብ	ea 22	e2 (2
Gallons All Usage	\$2,00	\$2.33	\$2.62
Residential Billing			
(Usage) Threshold	16,000 gals.	16,000 gals.	16,000 gals.