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Public Service Commission

September 23, 2002

Mr. Jared Whitaker, E.I.  
Preble-Rish Consulting Engineers  
470 Harrison Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 34201

Re: Docket No. 020912-WU - Application for amendment of Certificate No. 491-W to add territory in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company Inc.

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

The above referenced application has been received and reviewed by my staff. This letter is a follow up to the review and subsequent telephone calls to you and Mr. William J. Rish Jr. concerning deficiencies which need additional clarifications or corrections necessary to process the application.

One remaining item that needs further clarification is the need for service. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.036(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the application is to contain a statement of the need for service. The statement included in the application indicated that the extension is necessary to enable the utility to be prepared for the anticipated growth in the area. That vague statement is insufficient, and on its own does not constitute justification for your amendment request. Additional clarification is needed before we are able to determine if the utility's request to amend its territory is justified. Please provide relevant information, such as requests for service from property owners or developer agreements, which would add additional support to the utility's claim of anticipated growth.

The original and four copies of the response to the information requested in this letter should be filed with the Commission on or before **October 23, 2002**. When filing the response, please be sure to refer to the docket number and to direct the response to:

Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services  
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Should you have any questions concerning the information in this letter, please contact Stanley Rieger, of my staff, at (850) 413-6970.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Daniel".

Patti Daniel, Chief  
Supervisor of Certification

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Rieger)  
Office of the General Counsel (Crosby)  
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services