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October 7, 2002

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

RE: PSC Docket No. 020746-WU; Application for Certificate for Knight Water Utility, Inc.,  
in Charlotte County

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Department has completed its review of the Knight Water Utility, Inc., certification application to the Florida Public Service Commission for water service in Charlotte County. A copy of staff's memorandum is attached for your review.

We have not identified any growth management concerns related to consistency with the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. Staff has no issues regarding this application.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Griswold, Planner, at 922-1824, or Bernard Piawah, Senior Planner at 922-1810.

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Sincerely,

Charles Gauthier, AICP  
Chief, Bureau of Local Planning

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Attachment

cc: Elliot Kampert, AICP, Planning Service Manager, Charlotte County Planning Department

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TO: Charles Gauthier, AICP, Chief, Bureau of Local Planning

THROUGH: Mike McDaniel, Regional Programs Administrator *MDM*  
Bernard Piawah, Senior Planner

FROM: Jeffrey Griswold, Planner *JG*

RE: Public Service Commission Utility Certification Application  
Knight Water Utility, Inc. PSC Docket No. 027046-WU

DATE: October 7, 2002

**Comments Due: September 6, 2002 (Extension provided due to incomplete submittal)**

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**Background:**

Island Environmental Utility, Inc., located in Cape Haze, Florida, has applied to the Public Service Commission for an original certificate to operate a potable water utility, in Charlotte County, Florida. Judging from the application, The Knight Water Utility (Utility), then provider of both water and sewer service, began operating in 1996. At that time, the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) designated the Utility as exempt status via Order No. PSC-96-0039-FOF-WS. The Utility is now proposing to offer water service as Knight Water Utility, Inc. (and waste water service as a separate corporation - Island Environmental Utility, Inc.). Previously the Utility was a not-for-profit corporation which no longer wishes to provide service to its customers. In essence, the Utility is being separated into two entities to provide service. The two utilities have applied to the FPSC for certificates. This memo addresses the application for Knight Island Utility, Inc.

Knight Island Utility, Inc., describes the territory it currently serves as consisting of Thornton Key, Knight Island, and Don Pedro Island. The serving areas consist entirely of bridgeless barrier islands.

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Staff believes the certification of the utility will have no immediate effect on the provision of service as it exists today. The County has indicated to staff that they are not opposed to certification.

**Recommendation:**

Staff believes the approval of the certificate would not be inconsistent with the County's Plan provisions. Therefore, staff recommends the Department notify the PSC that it will not object to the certification of Knight Water Utility, Inc.