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Ms. Patti Daniel, Certification Supervisor Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No.02136-WS: Application for North Sumter Utility Company, L.L.C., for amendment of Certificate Nos. 618-W and 532-S in Sumter County, Florida

Dear Ms. Daniel:

On November 6, 2002, the Department received a copy of the North Sumter Utility Company, L.L.C. application for an amendment in service territory in Sumter County. The Department has completed its review and offers the comments below.

The application requests to expand the service area of the North Sumter Utilities in two areas in northeastern Sumter County. As shown on Exhibit D of the application, one area (southeastern site)is located in sections 1, 2, 35, 36, 26, 25 and 24, wholly within the approved portion of The Villages Development of Regional Impact (DRI). This area is addressed by a Development Order, and Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DCA No. 02-D1), both adopted by Sumter County on July 16, 2002. On September 5, 2002, the Department published a Notice of Intent to find Sumter County Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendment 02-D1 "In Compliance" with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. There was a 21 day period following the publication date during which the Department's decision could have been challenged. No challenge was issued. The requested water and wastewater facilities expansion at this site seeks to serve the residential and commercial development which was contemplated by Plan Amendment 02-D1. The Department raises no comprehensive plan issues related to the southeastern site.

The second requested expansion site (northwestern site) is located in sections 20 and 21, partially within The Villages DRI, and partially on land designated Agricultural on the Sumter County Future Land Use Map, outside of the Urban Expansion Area designated in the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan. Based on consultation with Richard Winters, of the Carlton Fields

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Law Firm, which represents The Villages, a Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) is being prepared which will seek to add these parcels to The Villages DRI. A comprehensive plan amendment will be necessary to implement a change in land use designation and to expand the Urban Expansion Area to include the site. No plan amendment has been submitted by Sumter County for this site. The Public Service Commission may want to consider waiting until such an amendment is submitted, has completed the review and adoption process, and the associated appeal deadline has ended, before considering the requested water and wastewater facilities expansion for the northwestern site.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Mr. Jim Fox, Senior Planner, at 850/922-1826.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Bruce Day, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

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