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DATE: November 26, 2002
TO: Katherine Echternacht, Office of the General Counsel
FROM: Thomas Walden, Division of Economic Regulation
RE: Docket No. 020909-WS; Application of Little Sumter Utility Company for extension of water and wastewater service in Marion and Sumter Counties, Florida

Little Sumter Utility Company (Little Sumter) is a Class A water and Class A wastewater utility company serving 6561 water customers and 6194 wastewater customers in Marion and Sumter counties. The 2001 annual report on file with this Commission lists operating revenues of \$2,740,280, with net operating income of \$940,358. The utility's service area lies in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The utility filed this application for extension on August 21, 2002, to amend Certificates Nos. 580-W and 580-S, pursuant to Section 367.045(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.036, Florida Administrative Code. The application is in compliance with the governing statute, and other pertinent statutes and rules concerning amendment of certificates. The application included a check in the amount of \$1000 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The utility has furnished evidence in the form of deeds that confirm the utility's ownership and continued use of the water and wastewater treatment plant sites as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code.

A map of the territory to be served and a territory description as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e) and (f) have been provided. A description of the territory is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. The territory proposed to be served will consist of commercial development including churches, offices, retail stores, and restaurants. A map showing existing lines, and those proposed lines to serve the territory applied for has been provided. In this application, there are three separate areas totaling about 80 acres, located adjacent to the utility's current territory.

The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 25-30.036(3)(r), Florida Administrative Code, that it has tariffs and annual reports on file. The utility states that there are no outstanding violations from the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. No objection to the notice has been received and the time for such has expired. The local planning agency and the City of Wildwood were provided notice of the application and neither filed comments or a protest to the notice.

The utility states that to the best of its knowledge, provision of water and wastewater service to the territory requested is consistent with the comprehensive plans of both Marion and Sumter counties. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) states that it is not aware of any comprehensive plan issues related to this application in Marion County. The area involved in Sumter County was the subject of a comprehensive plan amendment which was adopted by the county on July 16, 2002. Further, the DCA on September 5, 2002 published a Notice of Intent to find the comprehensive plan amendment in compliance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. There

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were no challenges to the Notice of Intent.

Little Sumter will serve this new territory with its existing water and wastewater system. Current water plant capacity is 12.9 mgd, with maximum daily flows of 6.442 mgd. Wastewater plant capacity is 1.8 mgd, with three month average flows of 0.852 mgd. Water demand for the new territory is estimated to be .091 mgd, and wastewater demand is estimated to be 0.069 mgd. These demands can easily be met from the existing facilities. The areas to be served will contain a Catholic church; a Baptist Church, and Lowes building supply store.

Line extensions to the proposed territory will be financed by internally generated funds and service availability charges collected from the developers of the properties. Financial statements of the utility were provided, and the utility states in the application that it has both the financial and technical ability to provide adequate service to the areas requested. No material impact on monthly rates for service or service availability charges will occur as a result of this amendment application and the addition of these new customers.

The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariffs. Little Sumter's current rates and charges contained in the utility's approved tariff on file with the Commission should be applied to service in the additional territory.

Based upon the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Little Sumter Utility Company for amendment of Water Certificate No. 580-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 500-S. An administrative order should be issued granting the application.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

TJW

cc: Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

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Little Sumter Utility Company

Water and Wastewater Service Area

Marion and Sumter Counties

In Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, Marion County:

Commencing at the southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29, run thence S 89°35'44" E, 448 feet to the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue S 89°35'44" E, 40 feet; thence N 00°02'19" W, 266.55 feet, to a rebar and cap; thence S 89°35'44" E, 164 feet to a rebar and cap; thence S 00°02'19" E, 266.55 feet; thence S 89°35'45" E, 673.52 feet; thence N 00°22'12" E, along the east boundary of the west 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, 1290 feet, to an intersection with the south boundary of Charles and Vicki Couture extended, and the east boundary of the west 1/2 of said Section 29; thence S 88°47'32" W, 878.62 feet to a 4 X 4 concrete monument; thence S 00°02'19" E, 1266.19 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the rights of public over the south 34.5 feet and the east 25.0 feet.

All being in Marion County, containing 24.76 acres more or less.

In Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, Marion County:

Begin at the southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 29; thence run westerly to the southwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence run northerly to the northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence run easterly to the northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence run southerly to the Point of Beginning.

All being in Marion County, containing 10 acres, more or less.

In Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County:

That portion of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, all lying east of the northeasterly right-of-way line of U. S. Highway No. 27 and 441 (a 200 foot right-of-way), being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the quarter section corner of the north boundary of said Section 1; thence run S 89°51'03" E, along the north line thereof a distance of 1034.53 feet;

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thence S 48°12'55" W, a distance of 1332.19 feet to the said right-of-way for U. S. Highway 441-27 and the Point of Beginning. Thence run N 48°12'55" E, a distance of 1160.64 feet; thence S 41°44'34" E, as distance of 101.69 feet; thence S 89°49'44" E, a distance of 158.84 feet; thence S 00°08'32" W, a distance of 79.46 feet; thence S 89°50'58" E, a distance of 714.60 feet; thence S 00°05'19" W, a distance of 660.90 feet; thence N 89°46'03" W, a distance of 19.19 feet; thence S 00°11'47" W, a distance of 255.24 feet; thence N 89°45'03" W, a distance of 32.48 feet; thence S 48°13'08" W, a distance of 1006.70 feet; thence S 28°13'08" W, a distance of 44.02 feet to a point of curvature, concave northwesterly and to the right-of-way, said curve having a radius of 175.00 feet; a central angle of 20°00'33", a chord bearing of S 38°13'31" W, a chord distance of 60.80 feet; thence southwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 61.11 feet to a non-tangent point of the aforesaid right-of-way line of U. S. Highway 441-27; thence N 41°44'34" W, along said right-of-way line a distance of 1417.40 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 45.5 acres, more or less.