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May 23, 2003

Ms. Blanca Bayo **Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director** Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Docket No. 020010-WS; Highvest Corporation's and L.P. Utilities Corporation's Re:

Protest of PAA SARC Order Our File No.: 37074.01

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket an original and fifteen (15) copies of the Affidavit of Mailing the Notice of Hearing (May 28, 2003) to the Customers.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

For the Firm

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case in Highlands County by The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P. in Polk County, Florida

DOCKET NO.: 020010-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, THE WOODLANDS OF LAKE PLACID, L. P., hereby gives notice of the filing of the Affidavit of Mailing Notice of Hearing to Customers in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted on this 23rd day of May, 2003, by:

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ASO\Woodlands of Lake Placid\(01) Protest of SARC\NOF Aff of Mailing Notice of Hearing

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared John H. Lovelette, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he/she is the manager of The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P., and that on May 5, 2003, he/she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Notice of Hearing to the Customers of The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P., attached hereto.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____day of May, 2003, ______, who is personally known to me or has _ as identification.

My Commission Expires: AUGUST 15, 2005

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

THE WOODLANDS OF LAKE PLACID, L.P.

HIGHLANDS UTILITY CORPORATION

HIGHVEST CORPORATION

L.P. UTILITIES, INC.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 020010~WS

APPLICATION FOR STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY BY THE WOODLANDS OF LAKE PLACID, L.P.

ISSUED: MAY <u>5</u>, 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application of The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P. for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County, at the following time and place:

10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 28, 2003
Sebring Civic Center
355 W. Center Avenue
Sebring, Florida

Thursday, May 29, 2003, has also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HEARING

Customers will be given the opportunity to present testimony at the beginning of the morning session on Wednesday, May 28, 2003. Additionally, an evening session will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m., on May 28, 2003 for the purpose of hearing testimony from customers who were unable to attend the prior session. The customer testimony will be a part of the evidence presented in the formal hearing.

All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the sessions since the sessions may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

By providing customer testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code.

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PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of The Woodlands of Lake Placid, L.P. for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County, and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on May 5, 2003. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing, because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 367.081, 367.0816, and 367.101, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.