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Martin S. Friedman, Esquire
Rose, Sundstrom, and Bentley
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RE: Docket No. 031043-WS; Application for amendment of Certificate Nos. 532-S and 618-W to delete portion of water and wastewater service area in Sumter County by North Sumter Utility Company, L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

In reviewing the application for deletion filed in the above referenced docket, paragraphs 7 and 8 of the filing on page 2 states that the area is proposed to be deleted because due to the timing of the development of that territory it would not be expedient for North Sumter to provide the water and wastewater service. Paragraph 9 states that the only landowner affected by the deletion is The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc., but it is not clear to staff whether The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. would also be the developer of the area involved in this filing. This comment raises some questions:

1. Who is the developer of the property to be deleted?
2. When is the developer of the property proposed to be deleted in need of service?
3. Does the developer have any connection whatsoever with North Sumter Utility Company?
4. Has this developer done any other development of other property in the North Sumter service area?
5. When is the property proposed to be deleted to begin development and when would that development be complete?
6. What circumstances have changed since North Sumter obtained its certificates from the Commission that would cause this filing requesting deletion of territory?
7. Is there another utility that could provide the water and wastewater service necessary for development if North Sumter's requested for deletion is approved by the Commission?
8. What circumstances have changed since North Sumter was granted its certificates for this territory that would cause this request for deletion?

The case scheduling for this docket shows that staff intends to file a recommendation for

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agenda concerning this item on February 5, 2004. A prompt reply to this letter would be appreciated. If you have any questions, contact me at 850-413-6950.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Walden". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Thomas Walden
Engineer

TJW

cc: Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Jennifer Rodan, Staff Counsel