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RE: PSC Docket No. 040427-WS; Application for Certification for the St. James Utility Company (Franklin County)

Dear Ms. Daniel:

The Department has completed its review of the St. James Island Utility Company application to the Public Service Commission for certification to provide water and wastewater to the Summer Camp development in Franklin County.

In general, the proposed service area is consistent with the current land uses expressed on the Future Land Use Map of the Franklin County plan and embodied within Future Land use Element Policy 11.11 (Summer Camp project policy). The provision of Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) is consistent with the Summer Camp project policy. There are also requirements in the local comprehensive plan to complete a full update of the plan by April 1, 2004. Part of this update should reflect current information on planned service areas and capacities for facilities and service. This update has not yet been completed by the County but does not appear to reflect the anticipated facility/service information for the area associated with the Summer Camp project. The Department is also aware that a much larger development on St. James Island is in the process of being considered by the County. If the current facility is planned to serve development on St. James Island, substantial revisions to the service area and capacity will be needed to provide adequate services at the locally adopted Level of Service (LOS). Staff also notes that locations of potable wells including appropriate areas should be generally identified in the comprehensive plan update as well.

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The Department encourages the applicant and the County to coordinate to ensure that, if this application is approved, appropriate revisions to the Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Elements including the location and extent of facilities (including location of potable wells), planned service areas and anticipated level of service, are included as part of the local plan update.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Magee, Regional Planning Administrator, or Susan Poplin, AICP, Principal Planner, at 850/922-1821.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Office of Comprehensive Planning

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cc: Mr. Alan Pierce, Franklin County Planning Department
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