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# Public Service Commission

September 23, 2004

Kenneth A. Hoffman, Esquire  
Rutledge, Eucenia, Purnell & Hoffman, PA  
PO Box 551  
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0551

Re: **Docket No. 040952-WS – Joint application for approval of sale of Florida Water Services Corporation's land, facilities, and certificates for Chuluota systems in Seminole County to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your application for transfer of land, facilities, and certificates has been received and reviewed by Commission staff. This letter addresses additional information needed regarding your application filed on August 24, 2004.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.037 (2)(j), Florida Administrative Code, the buyer is to provide a showing of its financial ability to provide service to the purchased utility. The application did provide a statement that as of December 31, 2003, Aqua America's total permanent capitalization was approximately \$1.5 billion. Please provide a copy of Aqua America's financial statement or annual report for December 31, 2003. In addition, please provide a statement of commitment that Aqua America will fund and financially support Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., to the extent necessary for Aqua Utilities to become a self-sufficient corporation.

Please provide the original and four copies of the response to this letter to the Commission on or before October 22, 2004. When filing the response, please be sure to refer to the docket number and to direct the response to:

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Should you have any questions concerning the information in this letter, please contact Stephanie Clapp, of my staff, at 850-413-6997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Daniel". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Patti Daniel  
Supervisor of Certification

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Clapp, Rieger)  
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