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Public Service Commission

September 27, 2004

Mr. Donald A. Thomas, Jr.
408 Osprey Lakes Circle
Chuluota, Florida 32766-6655

Re: Docket 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. Thomas:

Thank you for your letter dated September 19, 2004, regarding the application filed in the above-referenced docket. In your letter, you indicated that you object to the application to transfer Florida Water Services Corporation's (FWSC) Chuluota system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUFU).

Because an objection to the application has been filed, an administrative hearing will be scheduled in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 and Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may also wish to hire an attorney to represent you.

Once the hearing has been scheduled, a panel of Commissioners will be selected to hear the case, one of whom will be designated as the Prehearing Officer. An Order Establishing Procedure will issue which will set forth the procedural and substantive requirements which all parties must meet in order to participate in the hearing. This includes, in part, the pre-filing of testimony and other evidence to support your protest. In addition, staff will schedule one or more meetings with all parties to identify and refine the issues which will be addressed at hearing, and to pursue mediation or informal settlement of disputed issues. Telephonic participation will be made available if you are unable to attend these meetings in person.

Any issues you wish to address in the hearing process, including those you've previously raised involving both FWSC and AUFU, can be preliminarily identified at the informal issue identification meetings, which will be held with all parties participating. However, the Prehearing Officer has the authority to make the final determination as to what issues will be considered at the hearing.

Please be advised that further correspondence or filings in this docket should be made in writing, include the docket number, and should be addressed to Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of the

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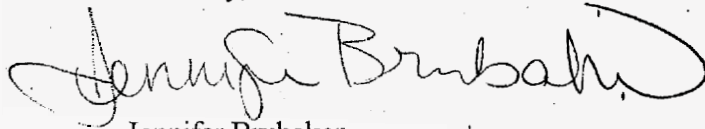
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Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. Copies should be provided to all other parties in the docket.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (850) 413-6228, or Patti Daniel at (850) 413-6808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Brubaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Brubaker".

Jennifer Brubaker
Senior Attorney

JSB

cc: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Division of Economic Regulation (Daniel)
Kathy L. Pape, Esquire
Kenneth Hoffman, Esquire