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The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

060601-WS

Re: **PSC Docket No. 06061-WS**; Application of The Grove Utilities, Inc. for Original Water and Wastewater Certificates in Okeechobee County, Florida.

The Department has reviewed the application of The Grove Utilities for original certificates in Okeechobee County concerning need for service and comprehensive plan consistency. The proposed project is not consistent with the current comprehensive plan, although it is our understanding that an amendment is being prepared which would make it consistent. If the plan is amended and found in compliance so that the proposed project is consistent with it, then a central water and sewer utility system such as the Grove Utilities would be appropriate.

A DRI pre-application package was submitted to DCA on May 22, 2006 and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council held a pre-application meeting on June 6, 2006. Staff has conferred with Okeechobee's Director of Planning, William Royce, and he indicated that the County is preparing comprehensive plan amendments to accommodate the development.

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If you have any questions, please contact Tom Tumminia, Community Planner at (850) 922-1824.

Sincerely yours,

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