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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A STAFF ASSISTED RATE CASE

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I. General Data

A. Name of utility The Vantage Development Corporation

B. Address 1595 S.E. 3rd Avenue  
Okeechobee, FL 34974

1. Telephone Nos. (863) 763-4892

2. County Okeechobee Nearest City \_\_\_\_\_

3. General area served Vantage Development and  
Hazelhof Properties

C. Authority:

1. Water Certificate No. N/A Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

2. Wastewater Certificate No. 54877 Date Received 2005 Graefter  
Certificate

3. Date utility started operations: Water N/A Wastewater 1976

D. How system was acquired Owner-Built

If utility was purchased, give date N/A Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Seller N/A

2. Was seller affiliated with present owners? N/A

3. Did you purchase: Stock N/A or assets only \_\_\_\_\_

E. Type of legal entity: Corporation, Partnership or Sole Proprietorship  
\_\_\_\_\_

F. Ownership & Officers:

Name	Title	Percent Ownership
1. Joe Hazellief	Pres	25%
2. Quillie Hazellief	Vice Pres.	50%
3. Mary Lou Hodges	Secretary	12.5%
4. James P Hodges	Dir.	12.5%

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G. List of Associated Companies and Addresses:

- 1. NONE
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

H. If you have retained an attorney and/or a consultant to represent the utility for this application, furnish the name(s) and address(es):

U. S. Water Services Corp.  
4939 Cross Bayon Blvd  
New Port Richey, FL 34652

II. Accounting Data

A. Outside Accountant

- 1. Name Tom O'Hare + Associates
- 2. Firm 311 Cardinal Drive
- 3. Address Ft Lauderdale Vero Beach, FL 32963
- 4. Telephone (772) 231-6902

B. Individual to contact on accounting matters:

- 1. Name Debbie Streuth
- 2. Telephone (863) 763-4892

C. Location of books and records 1595 S.E. 32nd Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34974

D. Have you filed an Annual Report with the Commission? Yes  
Date Last Filed 12-31-05

E. Has your latest semiannual regulatory assessment fee payment been made (January 30 or July 30 whichever is applicable)? No

F. Basic Rate Base Data (Most recent two years)

1. Water	<u>N/A</u>	20__	20__
Cost of Plant In Service:	\$	_____	\$ _____
Less Accumulated Depreciation:		_____	_____
Less Contributed Plant:		_____	_____
Net Owner's Investment:	\$	_____	\$ _____

2. Wastewater	20 <sup>04</sup>	20 <sup>05</sup>
Cost of Plant In Service:	\$ <u>124,602</u>	\$ <u>129,659</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>65,030</u>	<u>65,030</u>
Less <del>Contributed Plant</del> <sup>Retirements</sup> :	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
New Owner's Investment:	\$ <u>47,572</u>	\$ <u>52,629</u>

G. Basic Income Statement (Most recent two years):

1. Water	N/A	20__	20__
Revenues (By Class):			
a. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
b. _____	_____	_____	
c. _____	_____	_____	
Total Operating Revenues:	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Less Expenses:			
a. Salaries & Wages - Employees	_____	_____	
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders	_____	_____	
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits	_____	_____	
d. Purchased Water	_____	_____	
e. Purchased Power	_____	_____	
f. Fuel for Power Production	_____	_____	
g. Chemicals	_____	_____	
h. Materials & Supplies	_____	_____	
i. Contractual Services	_____	_____	
j. Rents	_____	_____	
k. Transportation Expenses	_____	_____	
l. Insurance Expense	_____	_____	
m. Regulatory Commission Expense	_____	_____	
n. Bad Debt Expense	_____	_____	
o. Miscellaneous Expense	_____	_____	
p. Depreciation Expense	_____	_____	
q. Property Taxes	_____	_____	
r. Other Taxes	_____	_____	
s. Income Taxes	_____	_____	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ _____	\$ _____	

2.	Wastewater	20 <u>04</u>	20 <u>05</u>
	Revenues (By Class):		
a.	<u>Res.</u>	<u>13,938</u>	<u>51,058</u>
b.	<u>Comm.</u>	<u>11,263</u>	<u>2,688</u>
c.			
	Total Operating Revenues:	\$ <u>25,201</u>	\$ <u>53,746</u>
	Less Expenses:		
a.	Salaries & Wages - Employees	\$ <u>582</u>	\$ <u>3,651</u>
b.	Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders	<u>2,640</u>	<u>6,237</u>
c.	Employee Pensions & Benefits		
d.	Purchased Wastewater Treatment		
e.	Sludge Removal Expense	<u>3,198</u>	<u>1,566</u>
f.	Purchased Power	<u>2,221</u>	<u>7,036</u>
g.	Fuel for Power Production		
h.	Chemicals	<u>2,986</u>	<u>5,166</u>
i.	Materials & Supplies	<u>5,433</u>	<u>1,458</u>
j.	Contractual Services	<u>19,088</u>	<u>28,688</u>
k.	Rents		<u>1,325</u>
l.	Transportation Expenses		<u>146</u>
m.	Insurance Expense		
n.	Regulatory Commission Expense	<u>500</u>	
o.	Bad Debt Expense		
p.	Miscellaneous Expense		<u>6,858</u>
q.	Depreciation Expense		
r.	Property Taxes	<u>1,613</u>	<u>1,403</u>
s.	Other Taxes	<u>174</u>	
t.	Income Taxes		<u>1,134</u>
	Operating Income (Loss)	\$ <u>(13,652)</u>	\$ <u>(8,415)</u>

H. Outstanding Debt:

	<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Date Borrowed</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
1.	<u>NONE</u>				
2.					
3.					
4.					

I. Indicate Type of Tax Return Filed:

- Form 1120 - Corporation  
 Form 1120S - Subchapter S Corporation  
 Form 1065 - Partnership  
 Form 1040 - Schedule C - Individual (Proprietorship)

III. Engineering Data

A. Outside Engineering Consultant:

1. Name Mo Kader, P.E.
2. Firm U.S. Water Services Corp.
3. Address 4939 Cross Bayou Blvd, NPR, FL 34652
4. Telephone (727) 848-8292

B. Individual to contact on engineering matters:

1. Name Joe Hazellief - Owner
2. Telephone (863) 763-4892

C. Is the utility under citation by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or county health department? If yes, explain.

No

D. List any known service deficiencies and steps taken to remedy problems.

NONE

E. Name of plant operator (s) and DEP operator certificate number (s) held.

U.S. Water Services Corp.

F. Is the utility serving customers outside of its certificated area? NONE KNOWN.

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

G. Wastewater:

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities existing .058 MGD  
under construction N/A proposed N/A
2. Type and make of present treatment facilities Defiance / Macis  
Extended Atr Concrete WWTP
3. Approximate average daily flow of treatment plant effluent .054 MGD
4. Approximate length of wastewater mains:  
Size (diameter) 8" 4"  
Linear feet 5,200 150
5. Number of manholes 1
6. Number of liftstations 1
7. How do you measure treatment plant effluent? Digital Flow Meter.

- 8. Is the treatment plant effluent chlorinated? yes If yes, what is the normal dosage rate? 5.1 gpd
- 9. Tap in fees - Wastewater \$ none established
- 10. Service availability fees - Wastewater \$ none established
- 11. Note DEP Treatment Plant Certificate Number and date of expiration: Number FLA 013897  
Expiration Date 10/28/08
- 12. Total gallons treated during most recent twelve months 0.65M
- 13. Wastewater treatment purchased during most recent twelve months NONE

H. Water

N/A

- 1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities existing \_\_\_\_\_ under construction \_\_\_\_\_ proposed \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Type of treatment \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Approximate average daily flow of treated water \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Source of water supply \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Types of chemicals used and their normal dosage rates \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Number of wells in service \_\_\_\_\_ Total capacity in gallons per minute (gpm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diameter/Depth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motor horsepower \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pump capacity (gpm) \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Reservoirs and/or hydropneumatic tanks:  
 Description \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Capacity \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. High service pumping:  
 Motor horsepower \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pump capacity (gpm) \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. How do you measure treatment plant production? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Approximate feet of water mains:  
 Size (diameter) \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Linear feet \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Note any fire flow requirements and imposing government agency \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Number of fire hydrants in service \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have a meter change out program? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Meter installation or tap in fees - Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_
15. Service availability fees - Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_
16. Has the existing treatment facility been approved by DEP? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Total gallons pumped during most recent twelve months \_\_\_\_\_
18. Total gallons sold during most recent twelve months \_\_\_\_\_
19. Gallons unaccounted for during most recent twelve months \_\_\_\_\_
20. Gallons purchased during most recent twelve months \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Rate Data

A. Individual to contact on tariff matters:

1. Name Debbie Streuth
2. Telephone Number (863) 263-4892

B. Schedule of present rates (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

1. Water:
  - a. Residential Water \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. General Service \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Special Contract \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Wastewater:
  - a. Residential Wastewater 28<sup>00</sup> p/mo
  - b. General Service 28<sup>00</sup> p/mo
  - c. Special Contract \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

C. Number of Customers (Most recent two years): none (wastewater next page)

1. Water Metered
 

	20__	20__
a. Residential	_____	_____
b. General Service	_____	_____
c. Special Contract	_____	_____
d. Other - Specify	_____	_____
2. Water Unmetered
 

	20__	20__
a. Residential	_____	_____
b. General Service	_____	_____
c. Special Contract	_____	_____
d. Other - Specify	_____	_____

# **U.S. Water Services Corporation**

**Water and Wastewater Utility Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, Management**

January 22, 2007

Mr. Troy Rendell  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2640 Shumard Oaks Boulevard  
Capital Circle  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

**RE: The Vantage Development Corporation Wastewater Treatment Utility System  
Florida Public Service Commission Wastewater Certificate No. SU877  
Florida Public Service Commission - Staff Assisted Rate Case Filing**

Dear Mr. Rendell:

U.S. Water Services Corporation is assisting The Vantage Development Corporation with filing the enclosed request for a staff assisted rate case review. Notification of the filing has been sent to the executive director of the utility authority for the local county involved (copy attached). Please find attached filing fee and application.

This particular utility was under the governance of Okeechobee County in the recent past. Okeechobee County is no longer involved with private utility regulation. This utility system was established in 1976 and was "grandfathered" with PSC as I understand it.

We look forward to hearing from the PSC and the assigned auditing team. Feel free to contact me direct on my cellular 727-639-5522 in regard to activities and scheduling for necessary site and records review related to the rate case.

Respectfully,

  
Victoria Penick  
Vice President

98310 Overseas Highway \* Key Largo \* Florida 33037  
Telephone: 305-853-5122 \* Toll Free: 866-756-8292 \* Fax: 305-853-5124

4939 Cross Bayou Boulevard \* New Port Richey, Florida 34652  
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# **U.S. Water** **Services Corporation**

Water and Wastewater Utility Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, Management

January 22, 2007

Mr. John Hayford  
Executive Director  
Okeechobee Utility Authority  
100 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

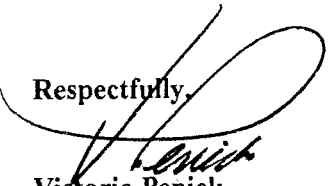
RE: The Vantage Development Corporation Wastewater Treatment Utility System  
Florida Public Service Commission Wastewater Certificate No. SU877  
Florida Public Service Commission - Staff Assisted Rate Case Filing

Dear Mr. Hayford:

U.S. Water Services Corporation is assisting The Vantage Development Corporation with a rate case filing application, which has been completed and forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission for their consideration. Please accept this brief correspondence as official notice of the filing per regulatory requirements.

Utility Mailing address: The Vantage Development Corporation  
Joseph Hazellief, President  
1595 S.E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Respectfully,

  
Victoria Penick  
Vice President

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3. Wastewater	20 <u>04</u>	20 <u>05</u>
a. Residential	<u>174</u>	<u>174</u>
b. General Service	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Special Contract	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
d. Other - Specify	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

V. Affirmation Joe HAZELLIEF

I, ~~Joseph Hazellief~~ the undersigned owner, officer, or partner of the above named public utility, doing business in the State of Florida and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission, certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Signed Joe Hazellief  
 Title President

Notice: Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that any person who knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.