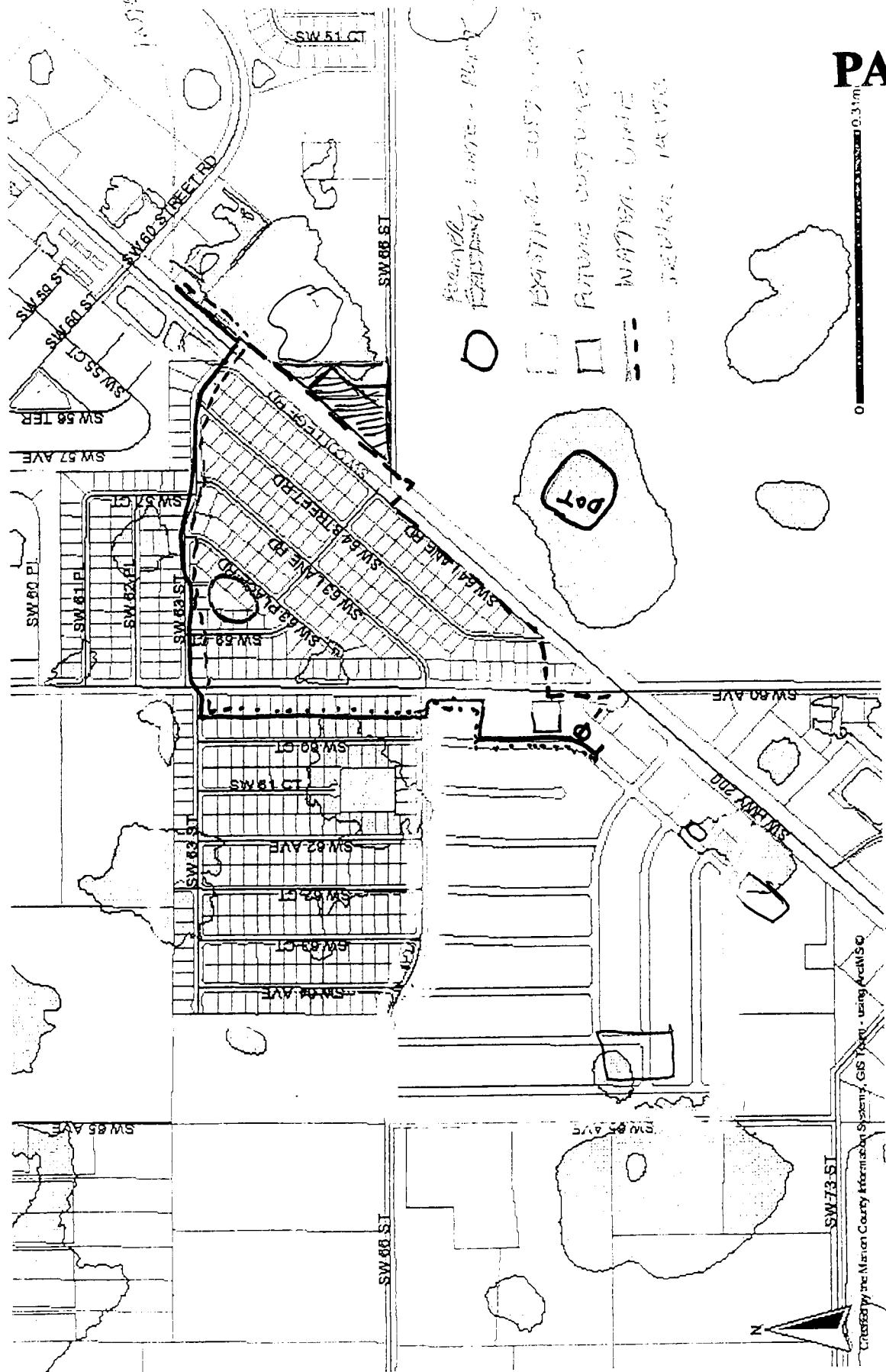


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Mr. Dirk Leeward
County Wide Utility Co. Inc.
P.O. Box 1476
Ocala, Florida 34473

Re: County Wide Utility Company, Inc.
Cost/Benefit Analysis of Water Supply Alternatives

Ref: 042913001

Dear Mr. Leeward:

As you are aware, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) prepared a report entitled "Cost/Benefit Analysis of Water Supply Alternatives" dated October 2006, for the County Wide Utility Company, Inc. (CWU). As a follow up to that report, you have requested that KHA provide assistance in the current utility rate review with the Public Service Commission (PSC). As you know, the professional engineer that had the oversight of the preparation of that report, John Potts, is currently on medical leave and is therefore unable to continue to provide his assistance in this matter. As a professional engineer with KHA licensed in the state of Florida, I have reviewed the information and am prepared to assist you in questions that may arise associated with the engineering report prepared by KHA.

Based on our discussions, it is my understanding that the PSC has indicated that, while they agree that connecting to the City of Ocala was the best option, they do not agree that it was best for the existing customers of CWU. Based on my investigation of this matter, it is clear that connecting to the City of Ocala was the best option for the existing customers. While the merits of this option are detailed in our report referenced above, there are several points that could be expanded upon to address the PSC questions.

1. The existing wells that supplied water to CWU do not meet current setback distances to on-site sewer treatment and disposal Systems (OSTDS). Florida Administrative Code (FAC) section 62-555.312(1) requires that wells serving systems similar to CWU require a 200' setback distance to an OSTDS. The existing wells are located within a mobile home park where all the units have OSTDS. Based on observations during my field visit, the existing wells are surrounded by

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these systems and do not meet the required setback distance. Please refer to the attached map showing the location of the wells in proximity to the mobile homes. While the existing wells were constructed prior to the referenced regulation taking affect and are therefore "grandfathered in", any new or replacement wells would fall under the requirements of this regulation. This would mean that an alternative site(s) for the wells would have had to be found in a location outside the mobile home park that would meet the setback requirements.

2. Based on my field observation of the system, the hydro-pneumatic tank that previously served this system was filled to the level of the access-way with course sand. It has been reported by the operator that sand has been entering the system over the past three to four years. Also, as I toured the service area, it was observed that sand screens have been installed on individual connections at a number of locations throughout the distribution system. The issue of sand entering the distribution system would have needed to be dealt with either through rehabilitation or replacement of the wells. Other private systems in this area have experienced similar problems. The Marion Landings water system to the south and the Fairfield Village water system to the north both have had a history of problems with their wells and made several drilling attempts to find suitable water quality. The proximity of these systems to the CWU service area is shown on the attached aerial location map. The lesson learned from the previous history of these surrounding systems is that the water quality and quantity can vary dramatically from site to site in this area. This further confirms that pursuing a path to rehabilitate or replace the existing wells would have had an uncertain outcome. Especially when comparing this option to the certainty of the option of connecting to the City of Ocala water system.
3. The Marion County Comprehensive Plan sets forth policies to eliminate smaller, private, water systems and connect customers of these systems to regional or sub-regional systems. This can be found in policies throughout the Potable Water sub-Element of the comprehensive plan including Policy 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.0 and 4.5. In the case of CWU, the City of Ocala water system had been expanded over the years to within 400' of the CWU franchise boundary. This is well within any reasonable distance to require connection to the City's system, which would have been consistent with the County's Comprehensive plan policies. The attached map shows the location of the master meter assembly constructed at the point of connection to the City of Ocala water system. Considering the issues with the wells as stated above, should CWU have pursued a plan that required seeking permits and approvals to drill new wells to replace the existing wells, the County's Comprehensive plan policies would have needed to be addressed.



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Mr. Dirk Leeward. June 29, 2007, Page 3

I trust the above information will be helpful in addressing the concerns of the PSC. It should be noted that I have not tried to include all of the benefits to connecting to the City of Ocala system as outlined in our previous report. For example, items such as fire protection, system reliability, looping of lines and cost are all benefits of the pipeline that was constructed to connect to the City's system.

In conclusion, it is my opinion based on the information stated above, review of previous reports and field observations, that it was clearly the best option, and in the best interest of both the existing and future customers of CWU, to have connected this system to the City of Ocala water system. Further, it would have been imprudent to have implemented this option and not include the existing customers, leaving them to deal with the cost associated with the issues stated above on their own.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call

Sincerely,

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Jeff Streitmatter, III, P.E

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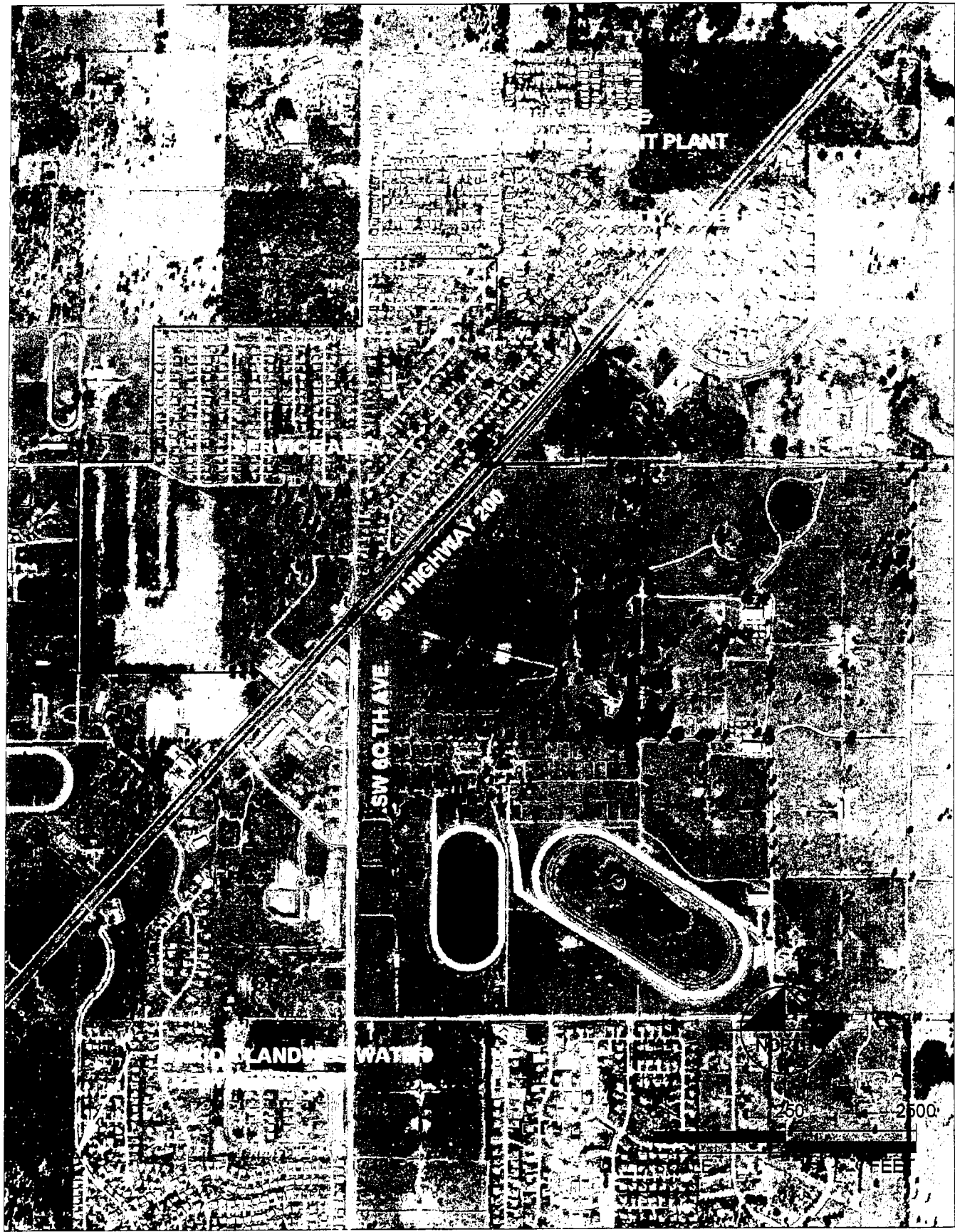
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May 30, 2007

Mr. Gerald Edwards
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ECONOMIC REGULATION
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RE: Docket No. 050862-WU

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I recently viewed a document regarding the above case. In the document, a phone conversation between you and I is paraphrased. I would like to clarify the position of Marion County Fire-Rescue regarding this issue with two points:

1. Regarding fire protection and fire flow: Marion County Fire-Rescue does not directly regulate utilities but rather requires those placing developments and/or new construction to provide for fire protection which *may* involve a utility company and fire-hydrants.

While a new residential development and/or commercial construction may be required to meet current codes and provide for fire protection; existing subdivisions such as Bahia Oaks are not required to meet the current code (place hydrants).

2. While subdivisions such as Bahia Oaks are not required to meet the existing code; Marion County Fire-Rescue actively encourages any improvements to water systems, specifically fire hydrants. These improvements enhance public safety and provide for reasonable insurance premiums for the citizens of Marion County.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Nevels
Division Chief / Fire Marshal
Marion County Fire-Rescue



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June 21, 2007

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RE: Docket No. 050862

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Mr. Leeward, owner of County-Wide Utility Co., Inc., has asked that I provide Marion County staff perspective regarding the Florida Public Service Commission's conclusion that the interconnection of his Bahia Oaks water system with the City of Ocala was not necessary or prudent (Docket Memorandum dated May 10, 2007, page 10).

Upon review of the information provided by Mr. Leeward, I offer the following comments:

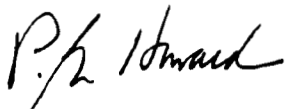
- 1) If constructed today, a wellfield in the current location would not be permitted by state law, as it would pose a potential threat to human health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, it would violate minimum setback requirements due to proximity to septic systems (per Chapter 62-555.312, F.A.C.). While the system is "grandfathered" and therefore not "required" to be replaced, it does not necessarily preclude the determination that the replacement of such system is not prudent, particularly in this situation given the fact that the wells are relatively shallow and hence more susceptible to contamination of nearby pollution sources.
- 2) It is policy of the Marion County Comprehensive Plan that the County institute guidelines for requiring existing water treatment plants to connect to a regional or sub-regional system when these systems are available and are economically feasible (see Potable Water Sub-Element Policy 2.2). It is reasonable to assume that the action taken to interconnect the Bahia Oaks water system to the City of Ocala's system is consistent with the policy intent of the Marion County Comprehensive Plan.

- 3) The interconnection will likely result in customers in Bahia Oaks receiving a higher quality of water, including water that is softened, PH adjusted, fluoridated, filtered, and disinfected. In addition, the extraordinarily high nitrate nitrogen levels at the Bahia Oaks location (3.9 ppm, as reported in 2005) are almost 250% higher than the City's water (1.6 ppm), and over 2000% higher than what is conservatively considered to be natural background levels (0.2 ppm). Given the density and age of the septic systems surrounding the wellfield, it is highly likely that they are a significant source of this nitrate. The provision of water that is higher in quality and lower in pollutant contamination can be considered prudent.

- 4) Finally, I concur with Fire Marshal Paul Nevel's statement that the improvements made through interconnection enhance public safety through improved fire protection (see subject Docket letter dated May 30, 2007). Prior to interconnecting the system, Bahia Oaks had no fire hydrants or capacity to provide fire protection. With the interconnection, fire protection through the installation of fire hydrants is now available to a vast majority of the customers. Marion County is continually expanding its central water services, in part for this very reason; so from this perspective, the interconnection would further seem prudent.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Howard
County Administrator

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Jim Taylor
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June 29, 2007

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RE: Docket No. 050862-WU County Wide Utility

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I am the past president (and one of the original organizers) of the Bahia Oaks Mobile Home Owners Association, Inc. and have lived in Bahia Oaks for over 30 years.

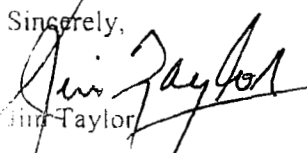
I attended the customer meeting held at the Marion County Commission building in July of 2006. I was asked to speak at that meeting, which I did, but I had been traveling extensively and was ill prepared. I relied mostly on information given to me from a few other residents. Knowing what I know now, I can see I had a very limited knowledge of the situation and didn't have anywhere near all of the facts.

Since that time, I have had time to make my own investigation into a number of the matters regarding this issue, and in addition, I also have been furnished background material from the Utility co. Also, on May 30, 2007, I accompanied Len Tabor, the licensed plant operator for County Wide Utility Co. (who has been taking care of this system for over 15 years) and Jim Leeward on a tour and inspection of the original water plant. I saw first hand the dilapidated condition of the water plant, and actually picked up a handful of sand from inside the inspection hole of the tank. I now know why many residents were getting sand in the supply lines to their homes. Even more disturbing was to see how close several septic tanks were to the wells.

Based on what I observed during this tour, I now understand why the existing, 35 year old water plant was abandoned and why the system was interconnected with the City of Ocala. It is also now clear to me that the plant could not continue to provide adequate water service to our neighborhood, and I, along with many of my neighbors, now support the interconnection to the City of Ocala's Regional Water System. In addition, we support a reasonable rate increase for the current customers in order for the utility to recover their costs of our share of the interconnection and abandonment of the wells. I also know that many of my neighbors are thankful to finally have fire protection.

I would like to make an additional comment. I have known the Leeward's (owners of the Utility co. and developer's of Bahia Oaks) since I moved in over 30 years ago and have found them always to be a friend of Bahia Oaks and its needs. Over the years they have went above and beyond what had to be done to keep Bahia Oaks a nice place to live. I don't think the comments made about them at the meeting were deserved or justified.

Sincerely,


Jim Taylor

CC: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Public Service Commission
CC: County Wide Utility Company

Chase, JoAnn

From: Jimmy Leeward [Jimmy@LeewardAirRanch.com]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2007 8:20 AM
To: Chase, JoAnn
Subject: FWD: Leeward PSC

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FROM: "JIM PAYTON" <JTP53@EARTHLINK.NET>
TO: <jimmy@leewardairranch.com>
DATE: Sun, 8 Jul 2007 14:11:22 -0400

RE: Leeward PSC

Jim I tried, see if this gets there. jp

July 8, 2007
Ms. Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: PSC Docket 080862-WU, In re Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case In Marion County
By County Wide Utility Co., Inc.

Dear Chairman Edgar:
It has come to my attention that the above referenced utility has applied for a rate consideration. I further understand that the PSC Staff is reluctant to give the operator any consideration for his capital cost of improving the utility's older infrastructure. While I appreciate your staff's eagerness to look after the public interest I must share my perspective.
The undersigned is a Marion County Commissioner, serving his second term, and duly elected by those citizens who will benefit by this utility expansion. I can assure you that most of those impacted understand the need for increased fire flow and a dependable source of clean potable water. Furthermore they understand that their cost for water service may change. The ability to protect their homes and community from the threat of fire is small in comparison to their peace of mind.
Other issues that may not be so apparent; over the last four years Marion County has been compelled to purchase three private utilities because the owner, operators have been unable or unwilling to update their infrastructure. These events have been very expensive and disruptive to Marion County Citizens. And in addition our utility budget is strained. We frankly appreciate County-Wide Utility and applaud their efforts to serve the Bahia Oaks community at such an affordable rate. Oh! Did I mention that this is an Affordable Community providing workforce and retirement housing for many of Marion County's least affluent citizens? It is undeniable that should this utility be unable to exist financially Marion County's rate structure will be much higher than County-Wide is attempting to negotiate.
Sincerely,
James T Payton, Jr
Marion County Commissioner
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Cc: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk



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June 26, 2007

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
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Re: PSC Docket 050862-WU; In re Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case in Marion County by County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.

Dear Ms. Cole:

I am writing the Commission to express my opinion on the rate case the Commission is considering in regard to the County-Wide Utility Company. I am a former Marion County Commissioner, and the current Representative of the 22nd District in the Florida House of Representatives, which includes the part of Marion County affected by this decision. In fact, I am also a former resident of Bahia Oaks.

I am personally familiar with County-Wide and its owner and operators, and I hold them in high regard for their continued and longtime excellence in providing the residents of the area with a healthy and steady supply of water at a low cost. To my knowledge, County-Wide has consistently complied with every health and environmental rule, provided excellent service, and has been responsive to the needs of our expanding community.

Based on my knowledge of the age of the water plant, which was in use for more than 30 years; the ability to provide, for the first time ever, fire hydrants and fire flow capability to a substantial percentage of the area residents; the economic realities of increased future costs of eventually providing these same hydrants; and the overall benefits to be received by both the existing Marion county residents and our future inhabitants, it is apparent to me that County-Wide's decision to interconnect to the City of Ocala's water system was indeed a prudent one.

I see the actions of County-Wide as a proactive way to address two very important issues we have statewide in Florida - water quality and fire safety. Instead of waiting for the inevitable demise of the water wells which had been used for more than three decades, County-Wide wisely chose to interconnect the current residents to the City of Ocala's system at the time it was building a line to provide service to a future development area. I believe that the steps taken by County-Wide to include the current residents show not only proper community planning and business sense, but also a concern for the health, safety, and well-being of the area residents. County-Wide's action in interconnecting and running the water lines through the existing subdivisions now, as opposed to waiting for an already outdated well to fail or become contaminated in the future, was a sensible solution to an inevitable problem.

Based on the information I have been provided by County-Wide, I can confidently say that the interconnection to the City of Ocala water system was a prudent and economically sound decision.

I thank the Commission for its attention, and invite any questions or comments in regard to this letter.

Sincerely,



Representative Larry Cretul

cc: Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman
Commissioner Matthew M. Carter II
Commissioner Katrina J. McMurrian
Commissioner Nancy Argenziano
Commissioner Nathan A. Skop

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July 9, 2007

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Re: PSC Docket 050862-WU
Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case in Marion County by County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.

Dear Ms. Cole:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my opinion on the rate case the Commission is considering with regards to the County-Wide Utility Company. I am the newly elected State Senator for Senate District 3 which includes the part of Marion County affected by this decision.

In my investigation into this matter, I have learned that County-Wide has provided excellent service to the citizens of the area for over 30 years. I agree with Representative Larry Cretul in that County-Wide is using foresight in their decision to interconnect to the City of Ocala's water system. With the interconnection to the Ocala water system, County-Wide will not only be able to provide better service but, for the first time, fire hydrants to the residents. Water quality and fire safety are two vital concerns not only locally but statewide.

It is evident to me that County-Wide's decision for the interconnection to the City of Ocala's water system will be beneficial to both the current and future residents of the continually expanding community.

Should the Commission have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senate District 3

cc: Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman
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President Pro Tempore

Kimberley Pena

From: Pauline Evans
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Kimberley Pena
Cc: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: DN 050862-WU

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Per Ms. Gervasi's request, please add the following person as an interested party on the above docket:

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Ocala, FL 34481

Thank you.

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Kimberley Pena

From: Patti Zellner
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Kimberley Pena
Cc: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: Consumers wanting to receive info

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Kim:

Please see Rosanne's request below. Attached is the list (including the names listed below) of Interested Persons to add to DN 050862-WS (County-Wide) in the Case Management System. Please let me know if you need this request to come directly from Rosanne.

**Thanks!
Patti Z.**

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Cc: Troy Rendell; Gerald Edwards
Subject: Consumers wanting to receive info

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6387 S.W. 60th Ct.
Ocala, Florida 34474

Janie Hadsell
Creative Selections

*Done
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Kim*

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**6312 S.W. 63rd Ct.
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[Gerald, please make sure I have Mr. Kline's correct address--I had trouble reading his hand-writing. Thank you.]

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Kimberley Pena

From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 1:41 PM
To: Patti Zellner; Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Consumers wanting to receive info

Kim, please note that Mr. Lee Ellis (who is on the list) is the President of the Bahia Oaks Homeowner's Association. Thanks!

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Kimberley Pena

From: Kimberley Pena
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:24 PM
To: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: Consumers wanting to receive info

Will add this e-mail with clarification. Thanks.

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From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:22 PM
To: Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Consumers wanting to receive info

Believe it or not, that is correct.

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Patti Z.

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Cc: Troy Rendell; Gerald Edwards

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Kimberley Pena

From: Kimberley Pena
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:23 PM
To: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: Consumers wanting to receive info

Thanks. I will include this e-mail with clarification. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:22 PM
To: Kimberley Pena
Subject: RE: Consumers wanting to receive info

Yes.

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 3:22 PM
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Subject: FW: Consumers wanting to receive info

Please also double check Regina Autullo. 5841 SW 64th Lane Road. Is that correct?

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Kay Flynn

050862

From: Kay Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:56 PM
To: Rosanne Gervasi
Cc: Blanca Bayo; Carol Purvis
Subject: RE: escrow agreement in 050862

Thanks. I'll have Blanca sign it and get it in the mail tomorrow.

Kay

From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:11 PM
To: Kay Flynn
Subject: RE: escrow agreement in 050862

got it and it looks fine to me.

From: Kay Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 12:53 PM
To: Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: escrow agreement in 050862

No....a hard copy is on its way to you!

From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 12:00 PM
To: Kay Flynn
Subject: RE: escrow agreement in 050862

thanks Kay. Did you mean to attach the documents by way of e-mail? (they weren't attached)

From: Kay Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 11:24 AM
To: Blanca Bayo; Rosanne Gervasi
Cc: Troy Rendell; Hong Wang; Carol Purvis
Subject: escrow agreement in 050862

We received from Dirk Leeward, County-Wide Utility, the escrow agreement and signature card for Blanca's signature, to open the company's escrow account at Compass Bank in Ocala. Mr. Leeward's letter indicated we would need to return the signed documents along with a copy of Blanca's driver's license and her social security number.

Because we have not been required in the past to do any more than obtain Blanca's signature for the bank forms on escrow accounts, I called Laura Atkinson at Compass Bank. She agreed that Blanca, as a state employee, is exempt from requirements of the Patriot Act and doesn't need to submit the copy and the number.

4/26/2006

Rosanne, I'm sending a copy of the documents to you for approval. Please advise if they're complete and ready for Blanca's signature.

Thanks.

Kay

Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from state officials regarding state business are considered to be public records and will be made available to the public and to the media upon request. Therefore, your e-mail message may be subject to public disclosure.

050862

County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.

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April 21, 2006

Blanca S. Bayo
Director
Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

COMMISSION
CLERK
%Off (850)413-6770
%Off (850)487-0509
(800)342-3552
Fax (850)413-7014

RE: Docket No. 05-0862-WU; Application for Staff Assisted Rate Case for County-Wide Utility Co., Inc. - Escrow Account Documents

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed are the following items to open our escrow account:

1. Signature Cards - please sign below your name on both copies
2. Escrow Agreement - please sign above your name on page 3

After signing, please return originals to:

Laura Atkinson
Compass Bank
5500 SW College Rd
Ocala, FL 34474
(352)732-6287 %Off
(352)732-2052 O-Fax
Laura.Atkinson@compassbnk.com

along with a legible copy of your driver's license and your social security number.

We also believe that it would be prudent to redact the TIN and account number on these forms before posting them for public access.

Sincerely,

Dirk Leeward, President

Countywide@mfi.net

2006 APR 26 AM 9:02
REGISTRATION CENTER

Kay Flynn

050862-WU

From: Blanca Bayo
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 10:03 AM
To: Kay Flynn
Subject: RE: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

Correct. I am not providing personal information.

From: Kay Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 10:01 AM
To: Blanca Bayo
Subject: RE: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

I'll put this in the docket file, correspondence file.

You shouldn't be required to give personal information for this Commission matter, right? This has never been a requirement.

From: Blanca Bayo
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 9:48 AM
To: Kay Flynn
Subject: FW: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

FYI.

From: Troy Rendell
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 1:13 PM
To: 'Dirk Leeward'
Cc: Rosanne Gervasi; Blanca Bayo; Shannon Hudson
Subject: RE: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

IT will be Blanca Bayo - Director of Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services. But I don't think she puts her social security number or drivers license on it..

From: Dirk Leeward [mailto:CountyWide@mfi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 12:18 PM
To: Troy Rendell
Subject: re: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

Troy:

We'll remove that.

I also just talked to the bank. Federal regulations require that they have the name, Social Security Number and drivers license for each individual signer. Who will be signing for the FPSC and how will they get this information? How should the account be titled... "County-Wide Utility Co., Inc. and Florida Public Service Commission"?

Dirk Leeward
(352)690-0009 x707
<http://www.LeewardAirRanch.com>

4/5/2006

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>> It is our belief that the last sentence in Number 3 should be deleted.
>> It is irrelevant to the escrow agreement and as I mentioned previously,
>> this will be a Commission decision in the final decision in your case.

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Rosanne Gervasi
>> Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 12:01 PM
>> To: Troy Rendell
>> Subject: RE: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

>> I think that sentence should be deleted. It is irrelevant. The utility
>> will have to pay those fees to the bank regardless of whether they get
>> to include them in the rate case as rate case expense or some other
>> expense.

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Troy Rendell
>> Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:51 AM
>> To: Rosanne Gervasi
>> Cc: Shannon Hudson
>> Subject: FW: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

>> Rosanne,

>> Could you review the last sentence in No. 3, to see if this is ok?

>> Thanks.

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Dirk Leeward [<mailto:CountyWide@mfi.net>]
>> Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 10:59 AM
>> To: Rusty Branson
>> Cc: Troy Rendell
>> Subject: Escrow Account for Emergency Rates

>> Rusty:

>> This morning, the Florida Public Service Commission approved emergency
>> rates for our system. Can you please review the attached draft escrow
>> agreement and let me know if there are any changes required by the bank.
>> The order does not allow us to begin charging the new rates until the
>> account is set up and approved, so time is of the essence in entering
>> into an agreement.

>> Let me know if you want me to work with Tim Haines directly on this in
>> order to expedite the approval.

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Kay Flynn

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From: Kay Flynn
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:06 PM
To: Marguerite Lockard; Kimberley Pena
Cc: Timolyn Henry; Matilda Sanders; Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: 01026-06 in 050862-WU

Marguerite -

Please stamp the material with a document number and enter it in CMS so we will have a means of tracking it while it's kept in the confidential file.

Thanks.
Kay

From: Marguerite Lockard
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 8:40 AM
To: Kimberley Pena
Cc: Kay Flynn; Timolyn Henry; Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: 01026-06 in 050862-WU
Importance: High

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Marguerite.

From: Kimberley Pena
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 7:42 AM
To: Marguerite Lockard
Subject: FW: 01026-06 in 050862-WU
Importance: High

Marguerite, let me know when this has been completed. Thanks.

From: Rosanne Gervasi
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 5:07 PM
To: Marguerite Lockard; Kimberley Pena; Gerald Edwards
Cc: Hong Wang; Kay Flynn
Subject: RE: 01026-06 in 050862-WU
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2/16/2006

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Cc: 'Dirk Leeward'; Shannon Hudson; Troy Rendell; Rosanne Gervasi
Subject: RE: Request for Interim Rates and Expedited Staff Assisted Rate Case - Docket 050862-WU

From Shannon Hudson's comment in the agenda, I believe staff did receive this e-mail.

I will print it and place it on the correspondence side of the file. It will not be treated as an official filing.

Kay

-----Original Message-----

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To: Kay Flynn
Cc: 'Dirk Leeward'
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Importance: High

Kay,

I am afraid this has been sent to the wrong e-mail address. Please follow-up with Mr. Leeward. If he intends this to be a formal filing with the PSC, please advise him of the proper procedures. Otherwise, we should print a copy of this e-mail correspondence and file in the correspondence side of the docket. Please copy the OPR in this docket.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Blanca Bayo
Subject: Request for Interim Rates and Expedited Staff Assisted Rate Case - Docket 050862-WU

Dear Commissioners:

When we applied for our SARC on November 8th, we requested that the Commission allow interim rates. The staff has recommended that our request be denied.

As we detailed in the attached application, our company has invested about \$1 million dollars into the system (almost all of it in the last year) to upgrade service, provide fire protection, and to avoid spending additional funds to replace a failing water tank. The interest alone on the debt for this investment is estimated to be over \$7,000 per month while our current net operating income is about break-even. Our gross revenues for 2004 were only \$110,000, which is about \$9,100 per month. As you can see, by not allowing interim rates, this investment will cause an extreme financial burden on our company.

We have already installed the connection to the City of Ocala and taken our water plant offline, we have no alternative other than to buy bulk water from the City.

As a company with no rate base and selling water at break-even, we need immediate relief and believe this

situation constitutes an emergency.

After multiple conversations with Troy Rendell, we realize that staff is trying to follow precedent set many years ago for a huge water utility, but we feel that our situation is quite different. There is no question that we have invested the time and money to upgrade our system. We do not feel there is any statutory prohibition to letting our small company earn a fair return on that investment and not require us to subsidize it for the first year.

Should the interim rates not be approved, we ask that you instruct staff to expedite our SARC. You auditor has already reviewed our books and commented that the condition of our records were in the top 1% of the companies that he has audited. We will cooperate fully and as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.

Dirk J. Leeward, President