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## Public Service Commission

April 29, 2008



Mrs. Elise Painter 5803 SW 57th Court Ocala, Florida 34474

Re: Docket No. 070548-WS Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Marion County by Century - Fairfield Village, Ltd.

Dear Mrs. Painter:

Thank you for your letter regarding the request by Century-Fairfield Village, Ltd. to charge for water and wastewater service. Century-Fairfield Village, Ltd. filed a request with the Public Service Commission (Commission) to charge for water and wastewater service as a result of a requirement of the Southwest Florida Water Management District to take all steps necessary to reduce the amount of water being used by the utility customers. The utility is entitled to recover its prudent operating expenses and earn a return on its investment. The Commission will establish water and wastewater rates based on the utility's cost of providing service. The rates will be designed to encourage water conservation.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation has oversight over your lot rent. Prior to the customer meeting on April 14, staff met with representatives of you homeowners' association and the utility. It is my understanding that your homeowners' association plans to work with the utility regarding how your lot rent may be affected as a result of the new rates for water and wastewater service. You may wish to contact your association's officers regarding the status of those meetings.

In regard to your concerns about the rising cost of living, I have enclosed some information that I hope will be useful to you. You may be eligible to receive assistance with the cost of your telephone service through a program called Lifeline. You can contact your local telephone service provider if you believe you qualify for this assistance.

Thank you for your comments regarding the utility's application. The Commissioners will be voting on the utility's request at the May 6, 2008 agenda conference. If you would like a copy of the recommendation or have additional questions, please contact me at (850) 413-6808.

Sincerely.

Patti Daniel

Public Utilities Supervisor

Bureau of Certification, Economic & Tariffs

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