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June 2, 2008

Mr. Martin S. Friedman, Esquire
Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP
Sanlando Center 2180 W. State Road 434
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Longwood, Florida 32779

Re: Docket No. 080213-WS; Application for amendment of Certificate No. 636-W to extend water service in Highlands County by Silver Lake Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Enclosed please find a letter dated May 27, 2008 from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Please provide a response to DCA's concerns to the Commission on or before June 30, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 413-6999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Redemann".

Richard Redemann, PE
Bureau of Certification, Economics & Tariffs

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Enclosure

cc: Katherine Fleming, Esq.
Office of Commission Clerk

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Ms. Patti Daniel
Division of Commission Clerk and Administration Services
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 080213-WS
Application for Extension of Water Service Area in Highlands County, Florida
Applicant: Silver Lake Utilities, Inc.

Dear Ms Daniel:

The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the application by Silver Lake Utilities, Inc. to extend its water service area, for consistency with the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan. The Department finds that the expansion is not consistent with the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed service area is located in the central section of the County along State Roads 27 and 17, northwest of the Town of Lake Placid. An aerial photo of the area revealed that very little development has taken place between the proposed site and the Town of Lake Placid. The area is still under agricultural use. The utility has proposed to encompass approximately 2,072 acres in Highlands County. The application indicated that the Utility anticipates providing potable water, for approximately 100 water equivalent residential connections.

This area of the County is currently designated as Agriculture on the County's Future Land Use Map that allows residential development at a density standard of 1 dwelling unit per five acres. The County has commented that it is not aware of this utility providing water service within the County. The County's position is that new central water and wastewater services be provided by a public entity. They have consistently conditioned plan amendments over the past three years with that requirement. In addition, the Southwest Florida Water Management District indicated that the Silver Lake Utilities is currently permitted for citrus processing and not for residential development. The District has indicated that the Utility would need to modify its consumptive use permit to indicate it intends to be a public supplier. Therefore, the applicant should contact the staff at the Highlands County Planning Department and coordinate with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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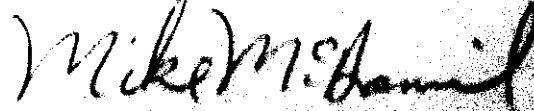
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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas J Tumminia, Planner. You can reach Mr. Tumminia at 850-922-1824.

Sincerely,



Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

MMD/tjt

cc: Mr. Jim Polatty, Highlands County Planning Department
Ms. Patricia Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council