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## **E-FILING**

October 6, 2008

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Docket No.: 080272-WS, Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater RE: service in Charlotte County and DeSoto Counties by Sun River Utilities, Inc.

Our File No.: 41069.06

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is Sun River Utilities, Inc.'s Motion for Abatement.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For the Firm

MSF/tlc Enclosure

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificates to provid	e )	
water and wastewater service in Charlotte	)	Docket No. 080272-WS
and DeSoto Counties by Sun River	)	
Utilities, Inc.	)	
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### MOTION FOR ABATEMENT

Applicant, SUN RIVER UTILITIES, INC. ("Sun River"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 29-106-204, F.A.C., moves this Commission for an Order abating the proceedings in the instant matter, including all filing requirements, and, in support thereof, states:

- 1. Sun River and Charlotte County met on October 2, 2008, to discuss the settlement of Charlotte County's objection to Sun River's original certificate application filed in this Docket. To facilitate a settlement, representatives of DeSoto County and the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority also participated in the settlement discussions.
- 2. At the aforementioned meeting, the parties reached substantial agreement which include Charlotte County withdrawing its objection to Sun River's Application filed in this Docket, subject to approval by the respective boards of Charlotte and DeSoto Counties and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.
- 3. The parties expect a draft of the settlement to be circulated during the week of October 6, 2008.
  - 4. It is in the public interest to abate these proceedings so that the parties may

direct their resources to finalizing the Settlement instead of perpetuating the litigation.

5. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.204 (3), F.A.C., the undersigned has consulted with the attorney for Charlotte County who concurs with this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, SUN RIVER UTILITIES, INC., respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order abating these proceedings for a period of sixty (60) days.

Respectfully submitted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, by:

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 080272-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U. S. Mail this  $6^{th}$  day of October, 2008, to:

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