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**DATE:** November 18, 2008  
**TO:** Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Richard P. Redemann, Professional Engineer III, Division of Economic Regulation *RPR*  
**RE:** Docket No. 080613-SU - Application of Silver Lake Utilities for amendment to a wastewater certificate to extend its service area in Highlands County, Florida

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Please place the attached letter from Mike McDaniel, Department of Community Affairs in the above docket.

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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. 080613-SU  
Application for amendment to a wastewater certificate to extend its 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 amend its wastewater certificate to extend its service area, for consistency with the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan. The Department finds that the expansion is inconsistent 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 utility has proposed to encompass approximately 2,072 acres in Highlands County. The application indicated that the Utility anticipates providing central wastewater service for future development in the area for residential connections. Silver Lake Utilities will also dispose of effluents by means of reuse to meet irrigation demands in the extension area.

The proposed extension of wastewater service is connected to a proposed Development of Regional Impact known as the Lake Placid Groves. 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 aware of this utility providing wastewater service within the County. This extension of wastewater service is not consistent with the Highlands County plan since it is expanding in an area currently designated with Agriculture that allows residential development at a density of one dwelling unit per five acres.

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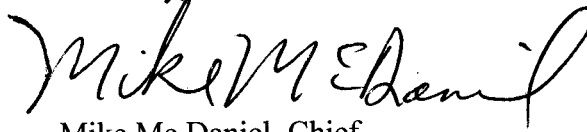
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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas J Tumminia, Planner. You can reach Mr. Tumminia at 850-922-1824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "D".

Mike Mc Daniel, Chief  
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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