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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Steve Tribble, Director
Division of Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
101 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Sandy Creek Airpark, Inc.; Docket No. 910111-WS; Complaint
Against Sandy Creek Utilities, Inc.; Docket No. 910260-WS;
Application For Amendment of Certificate
Our File No. 28031.01

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of
the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Alton L. Walker, which are
being forwarded to you for filing in the above-referenced
dockets.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this
matter, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



F. Marshall Deterding
For the Firm

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1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **DOCKET NO. 910111-WS AND**

3 **DOCKET NO. 910260-WS**

4 **PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF MR. ALTON L. WALKER**

5 **Q. Please give your name and address.**

6 **A. My name is Alton L. Walker and my address is 11940**
7 **Raintree Drive, Panama City, Florida 32404.**

8 **Q. Are you a member of the East Bay Volunteer Fire**
9 **Department?**

10 **A. Yes, I am.**

11 **Q. Is the East Bay Volunteer Fire Department the**
12 **organization that responds to fires in the Sandy**
13 **Creek Ranch and the Sandy Creek Airpark area?**

14 **A. Yes, it is. The East Bay Volunteer Fire Department**
15 **provides service to all of the area served by Sandy**
16 **Creek Utilities, Inc.**

17 **Q. There has been some testimony in this proceeding**
18 **that certain of the flows of Sandy Creek Utilities,**
19 **Inc., are necessary for fire flow protection. As a**
20 **member of the volunteer fire department serving**
21 **this area, do you have any comments in this regard?**

22 **A. Yes. First of all, it is my understanding that**
23 **there are no fire flow requirements in this area.**
24 **There are some guidelines for fire flow published**
25 **by national water industry groups; however, there**

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are certainly no requirements imposed upon this utility or any in this area, to my knowledge.

Q. What about the use by the East Bay Volunteer Fire Department of the Utility's facilities for fire fighting?

A. We do not depend on this Utility's water supply system to provide fire fighting capability. To my knowledge, the system has never been utilized for that purpose. The East Bay Volunteer Fire Department utilizes one 750 gallon tank truck. We also have a converted forestry vehicle that has a 500 gallon tank and pump. We fight fires by pumping directly from those trucks, and not from the Utility's system. We do not utilize the Utility's system, and to my knowledge never have used the Utility's system to fight fires. Our backup system is the Callaway Fire Department, which also employs tank trucks. We refill these trucks either from a four inch well at the station, or from lakes in the vicinity of the development. While we might, on occasion, have reason to utilize the Utility's system to refill those tank trucks, we have only on one occasion, to my knowledge, even utilized their hydrants or system for that purpose. Having our own well and the use of the lakes is

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generally more reliable and more convenient. The hydrants of this Utility are so widely dispersed that the lakes and swimming pools generally provide a better source, even in the case of a large fire. The only big fire that we have ever had, to my knowledge, occurred over three years ago, and at that time we refilled all of the trucks from the lakes, never utilizing the Utility's system at all. Again, even if we had it would be only for the purpose of refilling the tank trucks.

While we would certainly like to have a central water system with fire flow capability we could depend on, we do not believe that the capabilities of this plant nor the location of the hydrants are sufficient for that purpose, and our tank trucks are much more reliable and as such we have not and do not depend upon the Utility's system for fire fighting.

Q. Do you have any further testimony in this regard?

A. No, I do not.