## MEMORANDUM

## December 10, 1997

TO

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM:

DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN)

RE

DOCKET NO. 971404-WS; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF

CERTIFICATES NOS. 511-W AND 467-S TO ADD TERRITORY IN SUMTER

COUNTY BY SPRUCE CREEK SOUTH UTILITIES, INC.

Attached please find a memo from the Department of Community Affairs, which should be placed in the above docket file.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

CC:

Division of Legal Services (Ferguson)

Division of Records and Reporting (Security File)

Attachment

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**MEMORANDUM** 

JAMES F. MURLEY

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TO:

Billie Messer and John Williams, Division of Water and Wastewater,

**Public Service Commission** 

FROM:

Maria Abadal Cahill, Bureau of Local Planning,

Department of Community Affairs

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SUBJECT:

Public Service Commission Utilities Expansion Application

Spruce Creek South Utilities, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 971404-WS

Spruce Creek South Utilities, Inc., has applied to the Public Service Commission to amend its water and wastewater certificate to include additional land area in its service territory. The area proposed for addition to the Spruce Creek Utility service area is the Oakland Hills Professional Center located on US27/441 in Sumter County, consisting of approximately 12.7 acres. Oakland Hills Professional Center is located in an area designated for commercial land use by the Sumter County Future Land Use Map. Spruce Creek Utilities asserts that it has ample capacity to provide water and wastewater service to this area and meet the water and wastewater needs of its current service area at buildout.

The area of south Marion and north Lake and Sumter Counties where the Spruce Creek South Florida Quality Development is located is a rapidly urbanizing area. There are two Developments of Regional Impact (Stonecrest and Tri-County Villages), and a proposed Florida Quality Development (Villages of Marion) in the immediate area of the Spruce Creek Florida Quality Development. The Spruce Creek Florida Quality Development is nearing buildout and the Tri-County Villages Development of Regional Impact is currently building approximately 1000 units per year. Sumter County planning staff have indicated that the development review of the Oakland Hills Professional Center contemplated water and wastewater service being provided to this area and have no concerns regarding the proposed expansion by the Spruce Creek Utility.

The expanded service area would not contribute to urban sprawl or contribute to land uses that are incompatible with existing land uses. The Department has identified no growth management concerns with the proposed expansion of the Spruce Creek South Utilities, Inc., service area into Sumter County.

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