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MEMORANDUM

May 5, 1998

TO : DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO) *RR BCM*

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN)

RE : DOCKET NO. 980433-WU; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF  
 CERTIFICATE NO. 420-W TO ADD TERRITORY IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
 BY HEARTLAND UTILITIES, INC.

Attached please find a memo from Mr. Michael D. McDaniel with the Department of Community of Affairs. Please place this memo in the Docket file.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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CC: Division of Legal Services (Fleming)  
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MEMORANDUM

To: Billie Messer and John Williams, Division of Water and Wastewater,  
Public Service Commission

From: Michael D. McDaniel *MDM*  
Growth Management Administrator, Bureau of Local Planning

Date: April 27, 1998

Subject: Public Service Commission Utilities Expansion Application  
Heartland Utilities, Inc., Highland Co.; PSC Docket No. 980433-WU

Heartland Utilities, Inc., has applied to the Public Service Commission to amend its potable water certificate to include additional land area in its service territory. The area proposed for addition is within the Sebring Lakes subdivision in which the Health Department has determined there are wells contaminated with EDB and nitrates.

The expansion would consist of 250 acres. There are 40 existing homes and the 300 potential building sites within the area. The applicant is proposing a new water facility and new lines and has secured funding from DEP and a local lending source. The proposed facility will have a capacity of 200,000 gallons per day. Heartland Utilities currently serves two other large subdivisions within the County; Sebring County Estates and DeSoto City.

The extension of utilities (to provide water) to the Sebring Lakes Subdivision is consistent with the County's plan. County staff has indicated that the subject subdivision is a vested area that is currently designated General Agriculture on the FLUM. The area currently has water wells, and so, the extension of public water system into the area will be an advancement in the improvement of health and safety of the residents. Also, County staff indicated that the extension of water into the area was one of the requirements that FDEP had recommended with regard to future development of the properties in the area because of deficiencies of the existing wells in the area.

The extension of the water service will be based on entirely new facility to be constructed by the service provider. Therefore, no impacts will be anticipated on the existing facilities. The expansion service area is vested and not expected to contribute to urban sprawl. Staff does not recommend any objections to the application.