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Public Service Commission

December 11, 1998

Mr. Andy Barienbrock FDEP, South District P.O. Box 2549 Ft. Myers, FL 33902-2549

Re: Docket No. 980731-WS, Application for certificate to provide water and wastewater service in Charlotte County by Hunter Creek Utilities, LLC.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit No. D008-256538 Wastewater Treatment Plant ID No. 5208P00120

Dear Mr. Barienbrock:

Due to the above referenced utility's current problems with radioactive contaminants, the Commission will need to give special consideration to the appropriate service area when it makes a determination on the utility's request for original water and wastewater certificates. At a later time, when the environmental issues have been resolved and there is evidence of need, the utility may file a petition to extend its service territory. For now, however, staff wants to ensure it has the most recent and accurate environmental information in its recommendation to the Commission on the petition for original certificates. For this reason, I am asking that you provide a response to the following questions and requests for documents.

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Requests for Documents:

- 1. Please provide a copy of the utility's current wastewater treatment plant permit.
- 2. Please provide a copy of any unresolved warning letters or active consent agreements.

We are expecting the utility to respond to staff's final request for information by <u>January 8</u>, <u>1999</u>. Hopefully, we would then have your response so that a recommendation could be drafted soon thereafter. In your response, please include the above referenced docket number and title and send the original and 4 copies of the response to:

The Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

If you have any questions concerning the information requested, please don't hesitate to contact me at SUNCOM 293-6686. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Brady

Regulatory Analyst IV

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Redemann)
Division of Legal Services (Ferguson)
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