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TO: Blanca Bayo, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Gerald Edwards, Bureau of Economic Regulation

RE: Docket No.980657-WS, Florida Water Services Corporation in Seminoles County,

Filing fees for an Application for Amendment, territory expansion.

Attached is a response from Florida Water Services Corporation addressing comments made by Department of Community Affairs concerning docket number 980657-WS, Florida Water Services Corporation. Please enter the attached correspondence into the above referenced docket.

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Re: Docket No. 980657-WS-Amendment Application of Florida Water Services Corporation in Seminole County

Dear Mr. Hill:

The following comments are offered in response to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) comments regarding the Florida Water Services application for expansion in Seminole County (Chuluota service area).

Florida Water Services is requesting the territory amendment for several reasons. First, there are properties currently served water by Florida Water Services which lie south of our existing territory. These areas include the Girl Scout Camp, Seminole County's Lake Mills Park, and five residences along Second Avenue and Tropical Avenue. These areas should be amended in the Comprehensive Plan to accurately depict that they have urban services provided to them. Seminole County's urban services boundary does not accurately depict services to these areas. Florida Water Services boundary was expanded south to south edge of Sections 28 and 29 in order to incorporate these areas. Please reference the attached map.

Secondly, there is a large parcel of land referred to as the Hattaway property which lies north of the existing Florida Water Services territory. This area was included in the amendment request since Seminole County has already approved both water and wastewater services to this property.

Finally, Florida Water Services has received numerous requests for water and wastewater service from developers desiring to build in this area. For this reason, the proposed area was extended to the east into Sections 22 and 27. Since Seminole County has already granted variances for the Hattaway property, there may be variances granted for these developers as well.

The County's Chuluota Small Area study is still on-going. The County has proposed alternatives which may incorporate some or all of Florida Water Services proposed territory.

Finally, granting Florida Water Services the expanded franchise area in Seminole County in no way conveys approval for development, nor does it supplant the County's control over land use/planning. The County Planning Department retains control over development. They can approve or reject potential development plans. Although Florida Water Services may obtain a water and wastewater certificate from the PSC, Florida Water Services cannot not provide service unless that development is approved by the appropriate governmental agencies. Therefore, approving Florida Water Services' expanded territory does not preclude the County from addressing permit applications as is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Feil Staff Counsel

Enclosure

c: Jennifer Brubaker (w/o map), via facsimile Charles Sweat

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