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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of)
NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY, INC.)
for extension of wastewater)
service in Lee County, Florida.)

Docket No. 981781-SU

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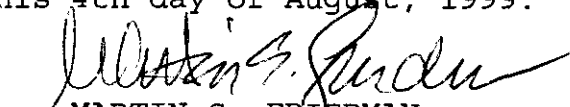
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEVEN K. MORRISON
BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ON BEHALF OF
NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY, INC.
DOCKET NO. 981781-SU

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Steven K. Morrison and my business address is 2158 Johnson Street, Post Office Box 1550, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-1550. Our telephone number is (941) 334-0046 and our fax is (941) 334-3661. My E-mail address is SKM@JohnsonEng.com.

Q. Give a brief description of your educational background since high school and your professional experience.

A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from The Citadel in 1977 and a Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida in 1979. I have been employed by Johnson Engineering since June, 1977 specializing in utility work. Currently I am in charge of the utility section for the firm and am involved in all aspects of utility work, including permitting of wastewater treatment facilities.

Q. Do you have any professional licenses?

A. I am registered in the State of Florida as a professional engineer, License Number 31153. I have held this registration since 1981.

Q. Do you belong to any professional associations?

A. I belong to the Florida Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Works Association and the American Public Works Association.

Q. Where are you presently employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Johnson Engineering, Inc., Fort Myers, Florida. Currently I head up the firm's utility section and am also the President.

Q. Generally, what are your present job functions?

A. As section leader of the utility section, I am responsible for overseeing all

1 **the utility projects the firm is involved in.**

2 Q. Have you ever been accepted as an expert witness in any civil or administrative
3 proceeding?

4 A. **Yes.**

5 Q. When and before what tribunals?

6 A. **Public Service Commission in the early 1990's.**

7 Q. What is your familiarity with the wastewater treatment system serving the
8 Buccaneer Estates mobile home park?

9 A. **Johnson Engineering provided the engineering and permitting services for
10 the original developer of Buccaneer Mobile Estates during the 1970's.
11 The park has changed owners several times and Johnson Engineering has
12 continued to provide engineering and permitting services for the new
13 owners, with exception to the current owner, Manufactured Home
14 Communities, Inc. We were familiar with the treatment and disposal
15 system serving Buccaneer up until the time Manufactured Home Commu-
16 nities, Inc. purchased the park. Since that time, we have had minimum
17 involvement.**

18 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

19 A. **I have been asked, based upon my experience, both generally and
20 specifically with regard to the Buccaneer Mobile Estates wastewater
21 system and my review of the FDEP records, to give my opinion regarding
22 the reasonableness of the interconnection with North Fort Myers, Utility,
23 Inc.**

24 Q. Have you formed an opinion regarding the reasonableness of Buccaneer
25 Estates interconnection with North Fort Myers Utility, Inc.?

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A. Yes.

Q. What is that opinion?

A. It is my opinion that the interconnection was the most environmentally beneficial and an economically feasible solution, which was available to Buccaneer Mobile Estates.

Q. Please explain the basis of that opinion.

A. I believe that Buccaneer Mobile Estates would eventually have little choice but to connect to a central sewer system as a result of increasingly more difficult rules and regulations to comply with and the normal and expected deterioration of the wastewater treatment facility, which was constructed in the 1970's. The construction costs to connect into the central sewer system did not appear to be unreasonable as they consisted of only a force main between the master pump station and the existing North Fort Myers Utility's line within the Powell Creek right-of-way. I believe the operational permit could eventually have been renewed; however, some of the issues may have been tough to comply with and the solutions to them fairly expensive. Even so, it is my opinion that these same issues would continue to plague the facility as it aged and connection to the central system would someday be the only available alternate. If there is a "reasonable option" available, I would recommend to any of our clients, similar to Buccaneer, to connect to a central system over keeping an onsite facility in place.