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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

North Fort Myers Utilities, Inc.; Re:

Wastewater Agreement with Amerada Hess Corporation

Our File No. 16319.29

Dear Ms. Bayo:

CHRIS H. BENTLEY, P.A.

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> Pursuant to Commission Rule 25-30.550, Florida Administrative Code, enclosed is a copy of a Wastewater Agreement entered into between North Fort Myers Utilities, Inc. and Amerada Hess Corporation for wastewater service to Hess Station #09249. North Fort Myers Utility Inc.'s wastewater treatment plant has a permitted capacity of 2.0 mgd. The current treatment plant connected load is approximately 1.1 million gallons a day and this Wastewater Agreement is for 1,200 gallons a day. There is sufficient capacity in NFMU's existing plant to provide wastewater service pursuant to this Wastewater Agreement. This Wastewater Agreement will have no noticeable impact on the Utility's rates due to the amount of demand being placed on the NFMU wastewater system, and resultant revenues.

> In accordance with the aforementioned Rule, we will deem this Agreement approved if we do not receive notice from the Commission of its intent to disapprove within thirty days. Should you have any questions regarding this Agreement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For the Firm

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HESS STATION 09249
NAME OF PROJECT Ft. Myers

DEVELOPER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this _____ day of April, 1999, by and between AMERADA HESS CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as "Developer," and NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY, INC., a Florida corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Service Company,"

WHEREAS, Developer owns or controls lands located in Lee County, Florida, and described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this paragraph and hereinafter referred to as the "Property," and Developer has plans to develop the Property by constructing thereon a retail service station requiring approximately 1,200 gallons per day of Wastewater Service; and

WHEREAS, Developer desires that the Service Company provide central wastewater collection, treatment and disposal service ("Wastewater Services") for Developer's property herein described; and

WHEREAS, the Service Company is willing to provide, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Service Company's Service Availability Policy, central Wastewater Services to the Property and thereafter operate applicable facilities so that the occupants of the improvements on the Property will receive adequate wastewater collection, treatment and disposal service from Service Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the mutual undertakings and agreements herein contained and assumed, Developer and Service Company hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1.0 The foregoing statements are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.0 The following definitions and references are given for the purpose of interpreting the terms as used in this Agreement and apply unless the context indicates a different meaning:
 - (a) "Consumer Installation" All facilities ordinarily on the Developer's side of the Point of Delivery.
 - (b) "Contribution-in-aid-of-Construction (CIAC)" The sum of money and/or the value of property represented by the cost of the wastewater collection systems including lift stations and treatment plants constructed or to be

constructed by a Developer or owner, which Developer or owner transfers, or agrees to transfer, to Service Company at no cost to Service Company to provide Wastewater Service to the Property.

- (c) "Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC)" A factor used to convert a given average daily flow (ADF) to the equivalent number of residential connections. For this purpose the average daily flow of one equivalent residential connection (ERC) is 275 gallons per day (gpd). The number of ERC's contained in a given ADF is determined by dividing that ADF by 275 gpd. The determination of the number of ERC's for the Property shall be subject to factoring as outlined in Service Company's Service Availability Policy.
- (d) "Point of Delivery" The point where the pipes of Service Company are connected with the facilities of the Developer, which shall be at the inflow point of the on-site wastewater pump station.
- (e) "<u>Property</u>" The area or parcel of land described in Exhibit "A."
- (f) "Service" The readiness and ability on the part of Service Company to furnish and maintain Wastewater Service to the Point of Delivery (pursuant to applicable rules and regulations of applicable regulatory agencies).
- 3.0 Assurance of Title. Within a period of forty-five (45) days after the execution of this Agreement, at the expense of Developer, Developer agrees to deliver to Service Company a copy of Title Insurance Policy or an opinion of title from a qualified attorney-at-law, with respect to the Property, which opinion shall include a current report on the status of the title, setting out the name of the legal title holders, the outstanding mortgages, taxes, liens and covenants. The provisions of this paragraph are for the purpose of evidencing Developer's legal right to grant the exclusive rights of service contained in this Agreement.
- 4.0 <u>Connection Charges</u>. Payment of the connection charges does not and will not result in Service Company waiving any of its rates or rules or regulations, and their enforcement shall not be

affected in any manner whatsoever by Developer making payment of same. Service Company shall not be obligated to refund to Developer any portion of the value of the connection charges for any reason whatsoever, nor shall Service Company pay any interest or rate of interest upon the connection charges paid.

- 4.1 Neither Developer nor any person or other entity holding any of the Property by, through or under Developer, or otherwise, shall have any present or future right, title, claim or interest in and to the connection charges paid or to any of the wastewater facilities and properties of Service Company, and all prohibitions applicable to Developer with respect to no refund of connection charges, no interest payment on said connection charges and otherwise, are applicable to all persons or entities.
- 4.2 Any user or consumer of Wastewater Service shall not be entitled to offset any bill or bills rendered by Service Company for such service or services against the connection charges paid. Developer shall not be entitled to offset the connection charges against any claim or claims of Service Company.
- 5.0 On-Site Systems. Developer hereby covenants and agrees to construct the on-site wastewater collection systems. The term "on-site wastewater collection systems" means and includes all wastewater collection lines, facilities and equipment, including pumping stations, constructed within the boundaries of Developer's property adequate in size to serve each lot or unit within the property or as otherwise required by Service Company, and to connect such system to Service Company's existing force main adjacent to U.S. 41. Should Service Company require that the force main to be constructed by Developer be larger than is necessary to serve only the Property, then Service Company shall pay the cost of such oversizing.
- 5.1 Developer shall provide Service Company with one (1) copy of the application for permits and one (1) set of finalized engineering plans prepared and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida. Plans shall show the on-site wastewater collection systems proposed to be installed to provide service to the Property. Developer shall cause his engineer to submit specifications governing the material to be used and the method and manner of installation. All such plans and specifications submitted to Service Company's engineer shall meet the minimum specifications of Service Company and shall be subject to the approval of Service Company, which approval shall not be No construction shall commence until unreasonably withheld. Service Company and appropriate regulatory agencies have approved such plans and specifications in writing. When permits and approved plans are returned by appropriate regulatory agencies to Developer, Developer shall submit to Service Company one copy of the wastewater permit and approved plans.

- 5.2 After the approval of plans and specifications by Service Company and appropriate regulatory agencies, Developer, or the engineer of record, shall set up a preconstruction conference with engineer of record, utility contractor, appropriate building official(s), all other utility companies involved in the development of the Property, and Service Company.
- 5.3 Developer shall provide to Service Company's inspector, forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to commencement of construction. Developer shall cause to be constructed, at Developer's own cost and expense, the on-site wastewater collection systems as shown on the approved plans and specifications.
- 5.4 During the construction of the on-site wastewater collection systems by Developer, Service Company shall have the right to inspect such installations to determine compliance with the approved plans and specifications. The engineer of record shall also inspect construction to assure compliance with the approved plans and specifications. Service Company, engineer of record and utility contractor shall be present for all standard tests for pressure, exfiltration, line and grade, and all other normal engineering tests to determine that the systems have been installed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, and good engineering practices. Developer agrees to pay to Service Company, or Service Company's authorized agent, a reasonable sum to cover the cost of inspection of installations made by Developer or Developer's contractor, which fee shall not exceed \$100.
- 5.5 Upon completion of construction, Developer's engineer of record shall submit to Service Company a copy of the signed certification of completion submitted to the appropriate regulatory agencies. The engineer of record shall also submit to Service Company ammonia mylars of the as-built plans prepared and certified by the engineer of record. Developer shall maintain the on-site wastewater collection system so that infiltration is within the range of tolerance acceptable within the wastewater industry.
- 5.6 Upon completion of construction and receipt of the engineer's certification, then Service Company shall thereafter maintain all on-site systems constructed by Developer. This Agreement shall act as a conveyance of the on-site pump station and force main by Developer to Service Company; however, at the request of Service Company, the Developer shall execute a bill of sale confirming title in Service Company. Developer shall also obtain and grant to Service Company easements and rights of way upon which the systems are located. To the extent that those easements and/or rights of way can be granted by Developer, then this Agreement shall act as such grant. However, at the request of Service Company, the Developer will sign separate documents granting such easement and/or right of way to Service Company.

- 5.7 Upon engineer's certificate of completion of construction, Developer shall comply with the following with regard to the on-site system conveyed to Service Company.
 - (a) Provide Service Company with copies of invoices from contractor for installation of the pump station and force main being transferred to Service Company.
 - (b) Provide Service Company with copies of Releases of Lien for said invoices.
 - (c) Assign any and all warranties and/or maintenance bonds and the rights to enforce same to the Service Company which Developer obtains from any contractor constructing the pump station and force main. Developer hereby warrants and guarantees for one year from the date of transfer that the system is free of defects, and functions or will function as designed. Developer shall immediately repair any defects or Service Company may make repair at Developer's expense.
 - (d) Provide to the Service Company an executed notarized affidavit in a form satisfactory to Service Company's counsel of Developer's right to convey the property and assuring that the pump station and force main have been fully paid for.
 - (e) Provide Service Company with all appropriate operation/maintenance and parts manuals and shop drawings.
- 5.8 Service Company agrees that the issuance of the final letter of acceptance for the pump station and force main installed by Developer shall constitute the assumption of responsibility by Service Company for the continuous operation and maintenance of such systems from that date forward.
- of the on-site wastewater collection systems, its inspection, and the other terms of this Agreement and Service Company's Service Availability Policy, Service Company covenants and agrees that it will connect or oversee the connection of the wastewater collection systems installed by Developer to the central facilities of Service Company in accordance with the terms and intent of this Agreement. Such connection shall at all times be in accordance with rules, regulations and orders of the applicable governmental authorities. Service Company agrees that once it provides Wastewater Service to the Property and Developer or others have connected Consumer

Installations to its system, that thereafter Service Company will continuously provide, at its cost and expense, but in accordance with the other provisions of this Agreement, including rules and regulations and rate schedules, Wastewater Service to the Property in a manner to conform with all requirements of the applicable governmental authority having jurisdiction over the operations of Service Company.

- 7.0 Application for Service: Consumer Installations. Developer, or any owner of any parcel of the Property, or any occupant of any residence, building or unit located thereon shall not have the right to and shall not connect any Consumer Installation until formal written application has been made to Service Company by the prospective user of service, or either of them, in accordance with the then effective rules and regulations of Service Company and approval for such connection has been granted.
- 7.1 Although the responsibility for connecting the Consumer Installation to the lines of Service Company at the Point of Delivery is that of the Developer or entity other than Service Company, with reference to such connections, the parties agree as follows:
 - (a) All Consumer Installation connections must be inspected by Service Company before backfilling and covering of any pipes.
 - (b) Notice to Service Company requesting an inspection of a Consumer Installation connection may be given by the plumber or Developer, and the inspection will be made within twenty-four (24) hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
 - (c) If Service Company fails to inspect the Consumer Installation connection within forty-eight (48) hours after such inspection is requested by Developer or the owner of any parcel, Developer or owner may backfill or cover the pipes without Service Company's approval and Service Company must accept the connection as to any matter which could have been discovered by such inspection.
 - (d) If the Developer does not comply with the foregoing inspection provisions, Service Company may refuse service to a connection that has not been

- inspected until Developer complies with these provisions.
- (e) The cost of constructing, operating, repairing or maintaining Consumer Installations shall be that of Developer or a party other than Service Company.
- If a commercial kitchen, cafeteria, restaurant or other food preparation or dining facility is constructed within the Property, the Service Company requires that a grease trap be constructed, installed and connected so that all wastewaters from any grease producing equipment within such facility, including floor drains in food preparation areas, shall first enter the grease trap for pretreatment before the wastewater is delivered to the lines of the Service Company. Size, materials and construction of such grease trap shall be approved by Service Company.

No substance other than domestic wastewater will be placed into the wastewater system and delivered to the lines of the Service Company. Should any non-domestic wastes, grease or oils, including, but not limited to, floor wax or paint, be delivered to the lines, the customer will be responsible for payment of the cost and expense required in correcting or repairing any resulting damage.

8.0 Exclusive Right to Provide Service. Developer, as a further and essential consideration of this Agreement, agrees that Developer, or the successors and assigns of Developer, shall not (the words "shall not" being used in a mandatory definition) engage in the business or businesses of providing Wastewater Services to the Property during the period of time Service Company, its successors and assigns, provide Wastewater Services to the Property, it being the intention of the parties hereto that under the foregoing provision and also other provisions of this Agreement, Service Company shall have the sole and exclusive right and privilege to provide Wastewater Services to the Property and to the occupants of such buildings or units constructed thereon.

- 9.0 Rates. Service Company agrees that the rates to be charged to Developer and individual consumers of Wastewater Services shall be those set forth in the tariff of Service Company approved by the applicable governmental agency. However, notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement, Service Company, its successors and assigns, may establish, amend or revise, from time to time in the future, and enforce rates or rate schedules so established and enforced and shall at all times be reasonable and subject to regulations by the applicable governmental agency, or as may be provided by law. Rates charged to Developer or consumers located upon the Property shall at all times be identical to rates charged for the same classification of service, as are or may be in effect throughout the service area of Service Company.
- 9.1 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, Service Company may establish, amend or revise, from time to time, in the future, and enforce rules and regulations covering Wastewater Services to the Property. However, all such rules and regulations so established by Service Company shall at all times be reasonable and subject to such regulations as may be provided by law.
- 9.2 Any such initial or future decreased or increased rates, rate schedules, and rules and regulations established, amended or revised and enforced by Service Company from time to time in the future, as provided by law, shall be binding upon Developer; upon any person or other entity holding by, through or under Developer; and upon any user or consumer of the Wastewater Service provided to the Property by Service Company.
- 10.0 <u>Binding Effect of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Developer, Service Company and their respective assigns and successors by merger, consolidation, conveyance or otherwise, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 22 hereof.
- 11.0 <u>Notice</u>. Until further written notice by either party to the other, all notices provided for herein shall be in writing and transmitted by messenger, by mail or by telegram, and if to Developer, shall be mailed or delivered to Developer at:

Amerada Hess Corporation 1 Hess Plaza WB11 Woodbridge, NJ 07095

and if to the Service Company, at:

North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. Post Office Box 2547 Ft. Myers, Florida 33902 Attention: A. A. Reeves, III with a copy to :

Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attention: Martin S. Friedman, Esquire

- 12.0 <u>Laws of Florida</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and it shall be and become effective immediately upon execution by both parties hereto, subject to any approvals which must be obtained from governmental authority, if applicable.
- 13.0 Costs and Attorney's Fees. In the event the Service Company or Developer is required to enforce this Agreement by Court proceedings or otherwise, by instituting suit or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, including such fees and costs of any appeal.
- 14.0 Force Majeure. In the event that the performance of this Agreement by either party to this Agreement is prevented or interrupted in consequence of any cause beyond the control of either party, including but not limited to Act of God or of the public enemy, war, national emergency, allocation or of other governmental restrictions upon the use or availability of labor or materials, rationing, civil insurrection, riot, racial or civil rights disorder or demonstration, strike, embargo, flood, tidal wave, fire, explosion, bomb detonation, nuclear fallout, windstorm, hurricane, earthquake, sinkhole or other casualty or disaster or catastrophe, unforeseeable failure or breakdown of pumping transmission or other facilities, governmental rules or acts or orders or restrictions or regulations or requirements, acts or action of any government or public or governmental authority or commission or board or agency or agent or official or officer, the enactment of any statute or ordinance or resolution or regulation or rule or ruling or order, order or decree or judgment or restraining order or injunction of any court, said party shall not be liable for such non-performance.
- 15.0 <u>Indemnification</u>. Developer agrees to indemnify and hold Service Company harmless from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable trial and appellate attorney's fees) to which Service Company may become subject by reason of or arising out of Developer's performance of this Agreement. This indemnification provision shall survive the actual connection to Service Company's wastewater system.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 16.0 The rights, privileges, obligations and covenants of Developer and Service Company shall survive the completion of the work of Developer with respect to completing the facilities and services to any development phase and to the Property as a whole.
- 17.0 This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements or representations, either verbal or written, heretofore in effect between Developer and Service Company, made with respect to the matters herein contained, and when duly executed, constitutes the agreement between Developer and Service Company. No additions, alterations or variations of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid, nor can provisions of this Agreement be waived by either party, unless such additions, alterations, variations or waivers are expressed in writing and duly signed.
- 18.0 Whenever the singular number is used in this Agreement and when required by the context, the same shall include the plural, and the masculine, feminine and neuter genders shall each include the others.
- 19.0 Whenever approvals of any nature are required by either party to this Agreement, it is agreed that same shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 20.0 The submission of this Developer Agreement for examination by Developer does not constitute an offer but becomes effective only upon execution thereof by Service Company.
- 21.0 Failure to insist upon strict compliance of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions herein shall not be deemed a waiver of such terms, covenants, or conditions, nor shall any waiver or relinquishment of any right or power hereunder at any one time or times be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such right or power at any other time or times.
- 22.0 Because of inducements offered by Developer to Service Company, Service Company has agreed to provide Wastewater Services to Developer's project. Developer understands and agrees that capacity reserved hereunder cannot and shall not be assigned by Developer to third parties without the written consent of Service Company, except in the case of a bona-fide sale of Developer's Property. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Moreover, Developer agrees that this Agreement is a superior instrument to any other documents, representations, and promises made by and between Developer and third parties, both public and private, as regards the provisions of Wastewater Service to Developer's property.
- 23.0 It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that all words, terms and conditions contained herein are to be read in

concert, each with the other, and that a provision contained under one heading may be considered to be equally applicable under another in the interpretation of this Agreement.

- 24.0 Service Company shall at all reasonable times and hours, have the right of inspection of Developer's internal lines and facilities. This provision shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Developer.
- 25.0 The parties hereto recognize that prior to the time Service Company may actually commence upon a program to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Service Company may be required to obtain approval from various state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction and regulatory power over the construction, maintenance and operation of Service Company. The Service Company agrees that it will diligently and earnestly, at its sole cost and expense, make the necessary proper applications to all governmental authorities and others and will pursue the same to the end that it will use its best efforts to obtain such approvals.
- 26.0 Developer warrants that the party signing this document on its behalf has the lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and to bind Developer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer and Service Company have executed or have caused this Agreement, with the named Exhibits attached, to be duly executed in several counterparts, each of which counterpart shall be considered an original executed copy of this Agreement.

WITNESSES:

NORTH FORT MYERS UTILITY, INC.

Print Name: Som

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A. A. Reeves, : Vice President

Print Name: John Holey

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

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Print Name: BLENN PHILLIS	By: TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR DIRECTOR, RETAIL REAL ESTATE
Print Name: THOIH BECKER	DIRECTOR, RETAIL REAL COINTE
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$//\mathcal{D}$ day of April. 1999, by A.	ent was acknowledged before me this A. Reeves, III, as Vice President c., a Florida corporation, on behalf personally known to me or has as identification. Print Name: KATHLEEN K. SHIELD Notary Public State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:
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of Amerada Hess	ent was acknowledged before me this J.O.O.O.O.O.O. as DIRCHO. as DIRCHO. as DIRCHO. as Corporation, on behalf of the lly known to me or has produced as identification.
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This Instrument Prepared By: Martin S. Friedman, Esquire, 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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Lot 6 and the North 1/2 of Lot 7, Block 1, TAMIAMI CITY, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 6 and 7, in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, LESS and except that part lying within the right-of-way of U.S. 41;

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION

SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGES

Upon execution of this Agreement, Developer shall pay Service Company the following System Capacity Charges to induce Service Company to reserve the following system capacities for Developer's proposed connections. Developer understands that system capacity is only reserved upon payment of charges by Developer to Service Company. Said system capacity charges to be paid by Developer are those which are set forth in Service Company's Service Availability Policy approved by the Florida Public Service Commission and, accordingly, these charges may be changed from time to time with the approval of the Commission.

Payment Schedule

Customer	Number of gpd	Charge Per	Total
<u>Category</u>		<u>gallon</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Commercial	1,200	\$2.31	\$ 2,772.00

Should actual water consumption exceed 1,200 gallons per day or should the use of the property change, then Service Company may require Developer to pay additional system capacity charges.