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## Public Service Commission

September 18, 2000

George and Carma Kern 3729 Blackbeards Way Yulee, Florida 32097

> RE: Docket No. 001234-WS - Application for amendment of Certificates Nos. 236-W and 179-S to extend service area in Nassau County by United Water Florida Inc.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Kern:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 12, 2000, in which you object to the application filed by United Water Florida Inc. in the above-referenced docket.

Your letter mentioned that you are currently receiving your water and wastewater service through a well and septic tank and that you are concerned about being forced to hook up to the utility. Commission staff has contacted Alice Mattimoe, Public Information Officer of Nassau County. According to Ms. Mattimoe, the County has no ordinance, and has no plans for an ordinance, that would require residents on wells or septic tanks to connect to the utility for water and wastewater service. You can contact Ms. Mattimoe at (904) 321-5948.

The Commission needs to know your intent regarding your objection to this application. If you choose to pursue you objection, a hearing will be scheduled in which you will be required to provide testimony and other evidence to support your protest. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may wish to hire an attorney to represent you.

Please advise me by October 2, 2000, if you intend to pursue your objection and thus a hearing. You can reach me at (850) 413-6202. If I do not hear from you by October 2, 2000, I will assume that you do not want to pursue a hearing and your letter will be placed in the correspondence

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Sincerely,

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