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Re: D.R. Horton Custom Homes, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 981609-WS
Emergency Petition to Eliminate Service Availability & AFPI Charges of Southlake Utilities

D.R. Horton Custom Homes, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 980992-WS
Investigation into Service Availability and AFPI Charges of Southlake Utilities
Our File No. 33083.01

Dear Samantha:

As a follow-up to our recent meeting and the request filed by Southlake Utilities for an extension of time to file its testimony, I want to reiterate our great concern with the lack of security being put up by the Utility. While the recent meeting at least showed that there may be someone coming in to run the Utility who is better able to do so both financial and technically, that does not change the existing situation one bit, and the security issue is still there and wholly unresolved.

I just want to impress upon you our continuing great concern with this issue, and our desire that the Commission do whatever they can to ensure that it is resolved and some security put into place as quickly as possible.

We are now awaiting information from Mr. Gustella, which is supposed to clear up some issues related to service availability and AFPI charges collected over the last several years. While the staff seems encouraged that this may clear up some questions, I still do not believe it will change the fact that the Utility owes a substantial amount of money to its customers, including my client. Mr. Gustella's willingness to attempt to revisit prior Orders and decisions of the Commission, makes

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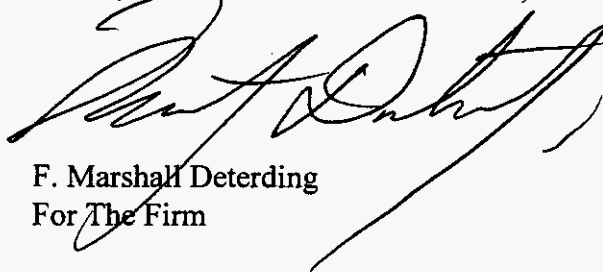
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me much less optimistic about the ability to resolve this case than the Utility representatives apparently were at this meeting. As such, the security issue is still paramount to us.

If there is anything I can do to assist in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I request that as soon as you or the staff members receive any schedules from the Utility's accountant that you let me know, so that I can be sure I have them as well for review by my client and our experts in advance of the October 11, 2000 meeting.

Sincerely,

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