BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ames Holdings, LLC, Ames Trading, LLC, Baker Heritage, LLC, Baker Turf, LLC, Curtis Hospitality, LLC, Curtis Triad, LLC, Curtis King, LLC, Curtis Custom, LLC, Davidson Harvest, LLC, Davidson Treasury, LLC, Davidson Keg, LLC, Davidson Cruiser, LLC, Edwards Harbor, LLC, Edwards Trust, LLC, Edwards Key, LLC and Edwards Capital, LLC

Petitioners

v.

Docket No. 020907-WS

LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC. Application for extension of water and wastewater service in

Respondent.

Lake County, Florida,

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OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Petitioners, Ames Holdings, LLC, Ames Trading, LLC, Baker Heritage, LLC and Baker

Turf, LLC, (Ames and Baker) object to the application of Lake Utility Services, Inc. (Lake

Utility) and request a formal hearing pursuant to §§120.569 and 129.57(1), Florida Statutes, Rule

28-106.201, Rule 25-30.031, and Ch. 25-22, Florida Administrative Code, and say as follows:

1. Petitioners own approximately 1700 acres in the area proposed to be served by

Lake Utility. For purposes of this proceeding, their address is that of undersigned counsel.

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2. Lake Utility is an existing utility which has filed an application to extend its service to the properties owned by Ames and Baker, and the Public Service Commission is the agency which has jurisdiction over these matters.

3. Ames and Baker dispute the material asserted fact that Lake Utility has the financial and technical ability to provide service to the area proposed.

4. Ames and Baker dispute the material asserted fact that there is currently a need for service to the area, which is largely rural and without significant population, or that there will be in the reasonably foreseeable future. The application by Lake Utility is premature, and simply seeks to preempt other, more cost effective and efficient providers.

5. Ames and Baker dispute Lake Utility's material assertion that it is capable of serving this property with its existing water and wastewater treatment plants. While this may be true currently, it is only because there is no need for the services. As the area develops and the need exists, additional construction will be needed, and this is not taken into consideration in Lake Utility's application.

6. Lake Utility's failure to consider the proposed growth demonstrates the current lack of need, and its inability to provide timely and cost effective service when the services will be needed.

7. The application of Lake Utility should be denied as it does not meet the provisions of Rule 25-30.036, Florida Administrative Code.

8. As landholders and potential customers with an interest in ensuring timely and cost effective services, Ames and Baker would be adversely affected by the approval of Lake Utility's application. Ames and Baker have plans to develop their property, which plans are not considered in the application by Lake Utility.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioners request that this matter be set for a formal administrative hearing, and that the application of Respondent be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been furnished via first class mail to Martin S. Friedman, Esquire, Rose, Sundstrom, & Bentley, LLP, 650 S. North Lake Boulevard, Suite 420, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701, this 20 day of November, 2002.

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