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July 23, 2007

Ms. Chloe Bonds-Womack South Umatilla Water, Inc. P.O. Box 463 Umatilla, FL 32784

## CERTIFIED LETTER RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

## Re: Docket No. 060433-WU -- Application for certificate to operate water utility in Lake County by South Umatilla Water, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bonds-Womack:

By letters dated June 29, 2006, September 19, 2006, October 24, 2006, November 27, 2006, and April 27, 2007, Commission staff advised you that South Umatilla Water, Inc.'s (South Umatilla or utility) application remained deficient in certain respects. The utility was given until May 31, 2007, to satisfy the deficiencies identified in the letter dated April 27, 2007.

To date, the Commission has received some, but not all, of the documentation required for South Umatilla's application to be considered complete. We understand you have made progress in this regard and have hired an accountant to assist you with the application. Nevertheless, we are unable to process this case until all application deficiencies are corrected.

By failing to file a completed application for certificate of authorization, it appears that South Umatilla is in violation of certain sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and Commission rules. Section 367.031, Florida Statutes, requires utilities subject to Commission jurisdiction to obtain certificates of authorization to provide water or wastewater service. Although South Umatilla has applied for a certificate of authorization in this docket, it has not as yet completed the application and obtained a certificate authorizing it to provide utility service for compensation. Section 367.081(1): Florida Statutes, provides that a utility may only charge rates and charges that have been approved by the Commission. Section 367.091(3), Florida Statutes, requires that each utility's rates, charges, and customer service policies be contained in a tariff approved by and on file with the Commission. Finally, Rule 25-30.032(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires that a utility file a completed application.

Please be advised that pursuant to section 367.161, Florida Statutes, the Commission may impose a penalty of up to \$5,000 per day upon any utility that knowingly refuses to comply with, or

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willfully violates, any provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, or any lawful rule or order of the Commission. Failure to file your completed application by <u>September 24, 2007</u>, will result in a staff recommendation for the Commission to determine whether to require the utility to show cause as to why it should not be fined pursuant to section 367.161, Florida Statutes. No further delays will be tolerated.

The original and five copies of your completed application must be received by September 24, 2007, and must be sent to the following address for filing:

Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

If you have any questions about how to satisfy the outstanding application deficiencies, please contact Stephanie Clapp at (850) 413-6997.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney

Cc: Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Division of Economic Regulation (Clapp, Walden)