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RE: Docket No.: 080272-WS, Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Charlotte County and DeSoto Counties by Sun River Utilities, Inc.
Our File No.: 41069.06

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is Sun River Utilities, Inc.'s Motion for Continued Abatement.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificates to
provide waer and wastewater service
in Charlotte and DeSoto Counties by
Sun River Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 080272-WS

MOTION FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

Applicant, SUN RIVER UTILITIES, INC. ("Sun River"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, F.A.C., moves this Commission for an Order extending the abatement of the proceedings in the instant matter, including all filing requirements, and, in support thereof, states:

1. This docket is currently under Commission-granted abatement (see Order No. PSC-08-0678-PCO-WS and Order No. PSC-08-0819-PCO-WS) which has allowed the parties to focus on the settlement process rather than litigation. As a result, significant progress has been made toward a settlement of Charlotte County's objection to Sun River's original certificate application filed in this Docket.

2. The purpose of this Motion is to request an extension of the abatement until April 20, 2009, at which time the Movant will advise the Commission and its staff of the status of the settlement.

3. The background of this matter is adequately set forth in Order No. PSC-08-0678-PCO-WS and Order No. PSC-08-0819-PCO-WS. The parties have arrived at a substantial agreement, and are currently circulating drafts memorializing said agreement.

4. In order to enter into a settlement agreement between the parties, it is necessary to both amend the DeSoto County settlement with Sun River, and finalize a separate agreement between Sun River and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (“Authority”). Moreover, all documents are also subject to the approval by the respective boards of Charlotte and DeSoto Counties and the Authority. The Movant is working diligently with DeSoto County and the Authority to complete this process.

4. The expiration of the previously granted abatement occurred on February 17, 2009. If the abatement is not extended, it will be incumbent upon the parties to resume litigation activities in Docket No. 080272-WS. It is in the public interest to further abate these proceedings so that the parties may direct their resources toward finalizing the settlement instead of perpetuating the litigation.

4. Sun River and Charlotte County are diligently working together to accomplish a settlement as quickly as possible and are currently circulating drafts of the necessary documents. Abatement of this docket, and all activities therein in their entirety, will assist the parties in their efforts to finalize the settlement as quickly as possible.

5. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(3), F.A.C., the undersigned has consulted with the attorney for Charlotte County who concurs with this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, SUN RIVER UTILITIES, INC., respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order further abating these proceedings until April 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2008, by

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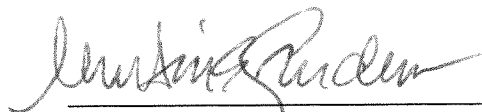
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic and U.S. Mail to the following this 18TH day of February, 2009:

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