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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO:

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RE: INTENT TO DELAY ABANDONMENT - Crooked Lake Park Sewerage Company,
SU785

County Manager Beasley and Chairman Clark:

On September 4, 2020, I provided notice to you that Crooked Lake Park Sewerage Company ("Crooked Lake") intended to abandon its sewer plant operations with an effective date of November 8, 2020. The notice was provided in accordance with Section 367.165, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.090, Florida Administrative Code.

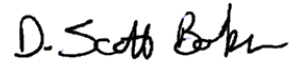
Since that time, our client has been approached by a buyer for the utility and has executed a purchase and sale agreement. The buyer, Central States Water Resources, intends to seek PSC approval for the sale as soon as possible.

As required by Section 367.165, Florida Statutes, Polk County petitioned the Circuit Court for appointment of a receiver for Crooked Lake. At a hearing on Polk County's petition today, the court agreed with Crooked Lake's request to delay appointment of the receiver for 90 days in order to allow the sale of Crooked Lake to occur. Polk County did not object to Crooked Lake's request. The court will retain jurisdiction of the petition and appoint a receiver upon 30 days' notice if the planned sale of the utility does not occur.

Given these developments, I am writing to notify you that Crooked Lake intends to delay abandonment of the utility for at least 90 days while the company attempts to sell the utility to Central States Water Resources. During that time, Crooked Lake will continue to provide service to its customers in accordance with the PSC-approved tariff for the utility.

We hope you will agree that the sale of Crooked Lake to a capable third party will benefit the utility's customers and relieve the burden on Polk County to operate a sewer plant outside its normal service area. I will keep you apprised of our efforts to that end as we move forward.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Scott Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

D. Scott Baker

cc: Client

Thomas G. Norsworthy, Deputy County Attorney for Polk County, via email
Susan F. Clark, Radey Law Firm, counsel for Central States Water Resources, via email
Adam Tietzman, Commission Clerk, via filing with Docket No. 20200210-SU