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Public Service Commission

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Ms. Lusia Dende-Gallio
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Re: Docket No. 931111-SU - Application for Certificate to operate a wastewater utility in Franklin County by Resort Village Utility, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dende-Gallio:

The Florida Public Service Commission has received your letter of November 12, 1993, concerning your objection to Resort Village Utility, Inc.'s application for wastewater certification. I am writing this letter to you to explain the certification process.

The Public Service Commission oversees the economic regulation of investor-owned utilities throughout the State of Florida. As you are aware, Resort Village has applied for certification with the PSC in order to provide wastewater service to a planned development located on St. George Island. Resort Village has initiated the process by filing an application with the Commission and providing public notice of its intentions. The PSC has reviewed Resort Village's application and has notified the utility of several deficiencies which must be corrected before the application is considered complete.

Although this case is in a preliminary stage, the PSC may conduct a customer meeting in Franklin County in order to allow individuals the opportunity to voice their concerns about Resort Village's certification. At the meeting, the Commission Staff would also answer questions and explain the certification process.

When there are no objections to the application the Commission Staff makes a recommendation to the Commission as to whether the certificate request should be granted. The Commissioners consider the Staff's recommendation at an agenda conference in Tallahassee. The conference is open to the public and individuals may appear and make comments directly to the Commission. If no formal objection is made, the Commission may grant the certificate at that time, with 21 days allowed for an interested party to file a protest.

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If objections remain in this case, the matter would likely proceed directly to a formal hearing at the service site in Franklin County. After the hearing, the Commission Staff would prepare a recommendation for the Commission's consideration. The Commission then votes and issues a final order.

As a potential litigant, you may wish to consider the possible time, expense and effort required in this type of case. If you choose to participate as a party/protestor, you will have an obligation to follow the PSC's procedures for presenting your views. Each party to the case, including yourself if you protest, is required to comply with the information requests made by other parties. Further, the Commission requires that each party's testimony be pre-filed in writing and that each party's positions on the issues in the case be filed in a written statement. Also, each person who testifies at the hearing is subject to cross-examination by the parties.

As an alternative to direct participation in this case, you may wish to contact the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or (904) 488-9330. The Office of Public Counsel represents utility consumers and citizens in proceedings before the Public Service Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



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