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MEMORANDUM

October 24, 1997

TO : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (FERGUSON)
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (REDEMANN) *2/28/97 bbr*

RE : DOCKET NO. 971053-WS; APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF
CERTIFICATES NOS. 447-W and 378-S IN MARION COUNTY BY
DECCA UTILITIES, INC.

Decca Utilities, Inc. (Decca or utility) provides water and wastewater service to approximately 2,586 water and wastewater customers in Marion County, Florida. The utility's 1996 annual report shows an annual operating revenue of \$1,320,658 and a net operating income of \$229,271. The utility is a Class B utility company under FPSC jurisdiction.

On August 14, 1997, the utility applied for an amendment to Water Certificate No. 447-W and 378-S in Marion County, Florida pursuant to Rule 25-30.036(3), Florida Administrative Code. The application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for amendment of certificate. The application contains a check in the amount of \$1000 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided evidence, in the form of a warranty deed, that the utility owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code.

ACK _____ Adequate service territory and a territory description have
AFA _____ been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e), and (i),
APP _____ Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory
CAF _____ requested by the utility is appended to this memorandum as
CMU _____ Attachment A. The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent
CTR _____ with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes, that it has tariffs
EAG _____ and annual reports on file with the Commission. In addition, the
LEG _____ application contains proof of compliance with the noticing
LIN _____ provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative
OPC _____ Code. No objections to the application have been received and the
PCN _____ time for such has expired. The local planning agency was provided
S-1 _____ notice of the application and did not file a protest to the
S-2 _____ amendment.

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The utility states that the provision of service will be consistent with the utility section of the local comprehensive plan. Water service will be provided by the utility's 3.168 million gallons per day (mgd) water treatment plant. Current flows are 43% (1.362 mgd) of the water treatment plant capacity. Wastewater service will be provided by the utility's .8 mgd wastewater treatment plant. Current flows are 43% (.350 mgd) of the wastewater treatment plant capacity. Effluent is disposed by a combination of Public Reuse Spray Irrigation and restricted access land application. The total capacity of the effluent disposal is permitted for .8 mgd. The design capacity of the proposed extension (404 single family homes) will add about 141,400 (404 ERC's x 350 gpd/ERC's = 141,000 gpd) gallons per day of demand on the water and wastewater systems. The proposed water lines were input into a computer network analysis. Based on the results, 6" thru 12" water lines will provide 30 pounds per square inch (psi) residential pressure during peak demand and 20 psi fire flow pressure during peak demand and fire flow. The wastewater from this area will be pumped to an existing collection system and will flow into another lift station to be pumped to the wastewater treatment plant for disposal. Thus, the water and wastewater treatment plants and the disposal system has adequate capacity to serve the area.

The utility has retained the following outside consultants to assist them in the technical aspects of running the utility, Mr. Chuck Pigeon, P.E., and Robert Nixon, CPA. Staff has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection and learned that there are no outstanding notices of violation issue. According to the utility's attorney, this property is owned by the original developer of Oak Run subdivision, who also owns the utility. This property is adjacent to Decca's certificated area and will be an extension of the original Oak Run Development. The standard service availability charges will be applied to the customers in this area. Staff recommends the rates and charges approved by the Commission be applied to customers in the new service territory. Staff believes the utility has demonstrated the financial and technical expertise to provide quality service to these customers. The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff and returned its certificate for entry reflecting the additional territory.

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Based on the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Decca for amendment of Water Certificate No. 447-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 378-S. An administrative order should be issued within 30 days granting the amendment of territory.

If you have any questions, please contact me immediately.

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cc: Division of Records and Reporting (Security File)
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (REYES)

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ATTACHMENT A

DECCA UTILITIES

MARION COUNTY

WATER AND WASTEWATER DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land situated in Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, Marion County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Said Section 31; thence West along the North Line of Said Section 31, a distance of 1,434 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning; thence South $00^{\circ}26'50''$ West, 1,703.50 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}32'27''$ West 1,285.94 feet; thence North $00^{\circ}05'22''$ East, 1,700.86 feet to the aforementioned North line of Section 31; thence South $89^{\circ}39'32''$ East, along said North line, 1,236.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.