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Subject: Skyland Utilities, LLC Application for Water and Wasterwater Utility

Commissioners:

On October 16, 2009, Skyland Utilities, LLC, provided notice of its application for Original Certificates for Proposed Water and Wastewater System and Request for Initial Rates and Charges. CoPOWR received the notice via Email on October 28, 2009. We are writing this letter in support of Pasco and Hernando County objections to Skyland's Application for creation of a water and wastewater utility.

We believe that the Skyland application is in conflict with the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan. We concur with Pasco County that there is no need for central water and sewer service in the proposed area. The existing buildings and land uses are adequately served by individual wells and individual septic tanks. Further, the Pasco County Government maintains existing water and wastewater facilities less than one-half mile from the proposed area. These Pasco County facilities could potentially provide service.

We believe that it would not be efficient, cost-effective, good utility practice, or in the public interest to provide central water and sewer to such low density (one unit per 10 acres), widespread, non-contiguous parcels of property as is proposed by the Utility.

CoPOWR supports the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan Policy on private utility companies. CoPOWR believes that Florida's water resources should be preserved and managed for the benefit of the citizens of Florida; and that when there are established, regulated, county government water and wastewater facilities available, a private utility is unnecessary; and the permitting of new private water and waste water utility companies is not in the interest of those citizens.

CoPOWR respectfully requests that the Skyland Utilities, LLC,

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application for Original Certificates for Proposed Water and Wastewater System and Request for Initial Rates and Charges be denied.

Respectfully,

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