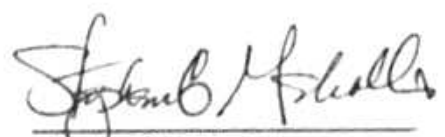


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**Request for Representation by a
Class B Practitioner/Qualified Representative**

QUAIL MEADOW UTILITIES, INC. requests approval of Norman F. Mears, whose address is 1344 Vickers Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, and whose telephone number is (850) 562-9886, as its Class B Practitioner/Qualified Representative for its accompanying Application for Transfer of Majority Organizational Control.

QUAIL MEADOW UTILITIES, INC. is aware of the nature and expense of a Class B Practitioner/Qualified Representative, and is aware that the Florida Public Service Commission has recognized Norman F. Mears as a Class B Practitioner to examine and cross examine witnesses, and to file required data on behalf of water and wastewater utilities in the areas of economics, accounting and finance since May 24, 1982, and is aware that it can be represented by an attorney at its own expense.



Stephen G. Mehallis
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I, Norman F. Mears, affirm that I have: (a) knowledge of jurisdiction; (b) knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; (c) knowledge regarding the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; (d) knowledge regarding the factual and legal issues involved in the proceedings; and (e) knowledge of and compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives, Rule 28-106.107, sufficient to represent Quail Meadow Utilities, Inc. in its application to the Florida Public Service Commission for transfer of majority organizational control. This knowledge is evidenced by my being recognized as a Class B Practitioner since May 24, 1982.

Norman F. Mears

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 11th day of November, 1998 by Norman F.

Mears.



JOHN W. M. HURST
My Commission 0088815
Expires Jan. 18, 2000

John W. M. Hurst

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