

Commissioners:
JOE GARCIA, CHAIRMAN
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.



DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
NOREEN S. DAVIS
DIRECTOR
(850) 413-6199

Public Service Commission

February 8, 1999

Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy
48 Bunker Court
Rotunda West, Florida 33947

RE: Docket No. 981858-WS - Application for authority to transfer facilities of Rotunda West Utility Corporation (Rotunda West or utility) and Certificates Nos. 565-W and 493-S in Charlotte County to AquaSource Utility, Inc. (AquaSource).

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Murphy:

We received your letter on January 15, 1999, in which you expressed concern regarding the above-referenced application. In your letter, you specifically ask questions regarding the utility's notice of application and the affect on the rates of the utility if this utility is transferred to AquaSource. In regard to the notice, the wrong date was initially placed on the notices that were sent to customers. Consequently, the utility was instructed by the Public Service Commission staff to correct the date on the notices and remail the notices to the customers. We have received

ACK _____ confirmation from the utility that it renoticed customers on January 19, 1999. Customers will have
AFA _____ 30 days from that date to file any written objections with the Public Service Commission.

APP _____ With respect to your question regarding rates, this transfer, if approved, will not increase your
CAF _____ eurrent rates. If the utility requests a rate increase in the future, customers will be notified and given
CMU _____ an opportunity to comment on or object to any proposed rate increase.

CTR _____ This letter may satisfy your concerns, but if you choose to pursue the objection, a hearing will
EAG _____ be scheduled in which you must provide testimony or other evidence in support of your protest.
LEG _____ Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may wish to
LIN _____ hire an attorney to represent you.

OPD _____
RCH _____
SEC 1

WAS _____ CAPITAL CIRCLE OFFICE CENTER • 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD • TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850

OTH _____ PSC Website: www.scri.net/psc

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

Internet E-mail: contact@psc.state.fl.us

DOCUMENT NUMBER - DATE

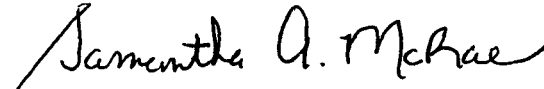
01649 FEB-89

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy
Page 2
February 8, 1999

Please contact me at (850) 413-6202 by February 26, 1999, if you intend to pursue the objection, and therefore, a hearing. After February 26, 1999, if a response from you is not received, we will move forward in processing this transfer application without a hearing.

Sincerely,


Samantha McRae
Staff Attorney

SAM/dr

cc: ✓ Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Water and Wastewater (Brady)
Division of Legal Services (Crosby)
Martin S. Friedman, Esquire

E:\ROTUNDA.SAM

STATE OF FLORIDA

Commissioners:
JOE GARCIA, CHAIRMAN
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.



DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
NOREEN S. DAVIS
DIRECTOR
(850) 413-6199

Public Service Commission

February 8, 1999

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Arch
3 Bunker Court
Rotunda West, Florida 33947

RE: Docket No. 981858-WS - Application for authority to transfer facilities of Rotunda West Utility Corporation (Rotunda West or utility) and Certificates Nos. 565-W and 493-S in Charlotte County to AquaSource Utility, Inc. (AquaSource).

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Arch:

We received your letter on January 15, 1999, in which you expressed your objection regarding the above-referenced application. In your letter, you specifically seek answers to two questions: 1) why are the above certificates transferrable; and 2) why wasn't the highest offer accepted?

In response to your first question, Rotunda West is a Commission-regulated utility and as such, is required to file an application for a transfer of facilities for the Commission's approval prior to a sale. The Commission must determine that the transfer is in the public interest. In reaching that decision, the Commission will analyze AquaSource's financial and technical ability to provide adequate service.

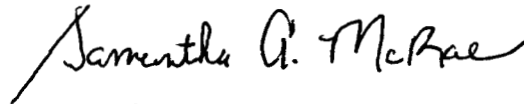
With respect to your second question, an AquaSource representative has informed us that Charlotte County had been in negotiations with Rotunda West for acquisition of the utility, but Charlotte County was not moving forward on the matter. Therefore, when AquaSource made an acquisition commitment, Rotunda West accepted even though AquaSource offered less for the utility than Charlotte County was allegedly willing to offer.

This letter may satisfy your concerns, but if you choose to pursue the objection, a hearing will be scheduled in which you must provide testimony or other evidence in support of your protest. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may wish to hire an attorney to represent you.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Arch
Page 2
February 8, 1999

Please contact me at (850) 413-6202 by February 26, 1999, if you intend to pursue the objection, and therefore, a hearing. After February 26, 1999, if a response from you is not received, we will move forward in processing this transfer application without a hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha A. McRae". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Samantha McRae
Staff Attorney

SAM/dr

cc: Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Water and Wastewater (Brady)
Division of Legal Services (Crosby)
Martin S. Friedman, Esquire

1:\ROTUNDA2\SAM