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February 10, 1999

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Clerk
Division of Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE:

Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.

Docket No. 981265-SU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of a letter sent to John D. Williams on January 14, 1999. Alice Crosby in the Legal Division requested that I file this letter with your office.

| ACKto contact me. | any questions of concerns regarding the above, please do not nestrate |
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January 14, 1999

ROBERT M. C. ROSE OF COUNSE

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. John D. Williams, Chief Bureau of Policy & Industry Structure Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 981265-SU; Application for transfer of Certificate No. 285-S in Pasco County from Hacienda Village Utilities, Inc. to Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.

Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to your letter of November 17, 1998, please be advised of the following:

- This transfer is an asset transfer from one private entity to another.
- 2. The buyer was organized in October, 1998.
- 3. Enclosed please find Buyer's Utility Settlement Statement and Seller's Utility Settlement Statement. There is no list, per se, of the assets being transferred. However, the former owners retained no right or title with regard to any facilities used to render utility service. The assets transferred were the plant and all appurtenant facilities, as well as the land on which the plant is located, which are necessary to render service on a going-forward basis.
- This transaction was financed with a combination of equity and debt. As indicated in the filings, the transaction is closed and, therefore, the ability of

Mr. John D. Williams, Chief January 14, 1999 Page 2

the applicant to arrange financing for the transfer is not an issue.

- The closing of this transaction, as indicated in my letter to the Public Service Commission of November 9, 1998, took place on October 8, 1998. Buyer and Seller negotiated the transaction unaware of the requirements of Chapter 367, Fla. Stat., as it related to Certificate No. 285-S. By the time the Buyer and the Seller became aware of the requirements of the statute regarding the transfer of utility assets, the closing of this transaction had already been delayed, for various reasons, for many months. To wait until after the Commission was able to process the application for transfer would have delayed the closing for another four to six months. The Buyer regrets that the matter was closed in advance of Commission approval, but asserts that the same is in the public interest and that approval of its application will result in uninterrupted and continued service to those persons receiving service from this utility.
- Enclosed please find attached evidence that the utility owns the land on which the utility facilities are located.
- Please see our letter to the Public Service Commission of November 9, 1998.
- 8. The residents of Hacienda will continue to be provided water service by the water plant in the same manner that was provided before the transaction. The water treatment facilities are now owned by the Buyer. The water facilities are comprised of water treatment plant, distribution system and certain water meters. The provision of water services has never been regulated by the PSC and Order No. PSC-93-0375-FOF-SU, issued on 3/11/93, determined, at page 3, that "water service to the mobile home park is neither metered nor jurisdictional ..."
- Enclosed please find proof of notice of this transfer as required by Administrative Code Rule.

Mr. John D. Williams, Chief January 14, 1999 Page 3

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this transaction, please do not hesitate to let me know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP

For The Firm

JLW/lm Encl.

BUYER'S UTILITY SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

Closing Date:

Seller: Buyer:

Closing/Escrow Agent: Property:

October 8, 1992 (Date of closing belongs to Seller)
Hacienda Village Utilities, Inc.
Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.
Dale L. Bernstein, Esquire
Hacienda Village Utility Land
7107 Gibraltar Avenue, New Port Richey, FL 34653
Pasco County, Florida

DEBITS

| Purchase Price | | \$800,000.00 | |
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| Record - Deed (Utility Parcels) | Clerk of the Circuit Court | 15 00 | |
| Proration of Utility Checks presented at closing October Rents (\$24.26 + 31 days) | 10/01/98 thru 10/08/98 (\$0.78 x 8 days) | 6.24 | |
| | TOTAL GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BUYER/BORROWER | \$800,021.24 | |

CREDITS

| Utilities 10/1/98 thru 10/31/98 (\$400.29 + 31 days) | 10/09/98 thru 10/31/98 (\$ 12.9125 x 23 days) | 296.99 | |
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| Prepaid/Credits on Utilities | | 133.79 | |
| Utility Prorations: County Tax (5.9843 x 281 days) | 01/01/98 three 10/05 /98 | 276.56 | |
| County Tax (\$.5944 x 281 days) | 01/01/98 three 10/05/98 | 167.03 | |
| | LESS TOTAL CREDITS TO BUYER/ BORROWER FUNDS DUE FROM BUYER/BORROWER | \$874.37 \$799,146.87 | |

APPROVED BY BUYER(S):

Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.

By: Hocienta Whilities, L.C.

CLOSING AND ESCROW AGENT

SELLER'S UTILITY SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

Closing Date:

October 8, 1998 (Date of closing belongs to Seller)
Hacienda Village Utilities, Inc.
Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.
Dale L. Bernstein, Esquire

Seller: Buyer:

Closing/Escrow Agent: Property:

Hacienda Village Utility Land 7107 Gibraltar Avenue, New Port Richey, FL 34653

Pasco County, Florida

CREDITS

| Purchase Price | | \$800,000.00 |
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| Prorestion of Utility Checks presented at closing October Rents (\$24.26 + 31 days) | 10/01/98 thru 10/08/98 (50.78 x 8 days) | 6.24 |
| | TOTAL GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BUYER/BORROWER | \$800,006.24 |

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| Documentary Stamps on Utility Deed (\$800,000.00) | Clerk of the Circuit Court | 5,600.00 |
|---|---|--------------|
| Utilities 10/1/98 thru 10/31/98 (\$400.29 + 31 days) | 10/09/96 thru 10/31/98 (\$ 12.9125 x 23 days) | 296.99 |
| Prepaid/Credits on Utilities | | 133.79 |
| Utility Prorations: County Tax (5.9843 x 281 days) | 61/01/98 three 10/08 /98 | 276.56 |
| County Tax (5.5944 x 281 days) | 01/01/98 thru 10/08/98 | 167.03 |
| | LESS TOTAL CREDITS TO BUYER/ BORROWER | \$6,474.37 |
| | FUNDS DUE FROM BUYER/BORROWER | \$793,531.87 |

APPROVED BY SELLER: Hacienda Village Utilities, Inc.

BY:

SETTLEMENT/ CLOSING /ESCROY AGENT

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

Orlando L. Evora, Esquire Greenberg Traurig, P.A. 111 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 2050 Orlando, Florida 32801

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED is made this 8 day of October, 1998, by HACIENDA VILLAGE UTILITIES, INC., a Florida corporation ("Grantor"), whose address is 6939 Hachem Drive, Port Richey, Florida 34668, to HACIENDA UTILITIES, LTD., a Florida limited partnership ("Grantee"), whose address is 4340 East West Highway, Suite 206, Bethesda, Maryland 20814:

[Wherever used herein, the terms "grantor" and "grantee" shall include singular and plural, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of corporations, wherever the context so admits or requires.]

WITNESSETH:

THE Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells, aliens, remises, releases, conveys and confirms unto the Grantee, all of that certain land situated in Pasco County, Florida (the "Property"), as more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Parcel Identification No. 10-26-16-0020-00500-0010

Parcel Identification No. 03-26-16-0070-05900-0000

TOGETHER with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, with every privilege, right, title, interest and estate, reversion, remainder and easement thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same in fee simple forever.

AND, the Grantor does hereby covenant that, except for the title exceptions set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof (provided, however, this reference shall not serve to reimpose the same), Grantor does fully warrant the title to the above described Property and will defend the same against the lawful claims, of all persons claiming by, through or under the Grantor, but against none other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor aforesaid has set its hand as of the day of

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EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL 4:

The West ½ of Tract 5, PORT RICHEY LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 16 East, according to the Map or Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 61, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, subject to road right-of-way over the North 15 feet thereof per Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 61, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida.

PARCEL 5:

A part of Tract 59 of PORT RICHEY LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 16 East, as shown on the Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 61, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 16 East and go South 00°31'10" West, 1650.90 feet, along the West boundary of said Southeast ¼; thence South 89°38'54" East, 664.77 feet to a Point on the North boundary of said Tract 59; thence South 00°26'03" West, 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89°38'54" East, 190 feet, along a line 30.00 feet South of and parallel to the North boundary of said Tract 59; thence South 00°26'03"West, 320 feet, along a line 30.00 feet West of and parallel to the East boundary of Tract 59; thence North 89°38'54" West, 190 feet; thence North 00°26'03" East, 320 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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EXHIBIT "B"

EXCEPTIONS

- 1. Taxes and assessments for the year 1998 and subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable.
- Subject to Terms and Conditions of Right of Removal Agreement recorded in Official Records Book 3221, Page 1470, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida (as to all Parcels).
- Subject to a 30-foot easement for public right-of-way along the Southerly boundary running East and West
 as set forth on the Plat of Port Richey Land Company Subdivision of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range
 16 East, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 61, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida (as to Parcels 1, 3, and
 4).
- 4. Rights of adjoining landowners to Parcel 4 due to the fence not being located on the property lines of Parcel
- 5. Rights of tenants in possession as tenants only, under unrecorded leases.

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November 9, 1998

ROBERT M. C. ROSE OF COUMER

Ms. Joann Chase Division of Water and Wastewater Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE:

JUHN L WHARTON

Hacienda Utilities, Ltd. Docket No. 981265-SU

Dear Joann:

I have learned that when this transaction closed on October 8, 1998, there was no proration for the regulatory assessment fees. Therefore, I would appreciate very much if you would see that the Seller is responsible for the regulatory assessment fees until the date of closing, and that my client (the Buyer and Applicant) is responsible for those regulatory assessment fees after that date.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Sincerely.

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP

John L. Wharton, Esq.

For The Firm

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