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November 6, 2000

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CIBULA) *SMC*

RE: DOCKET NO. 001234-WS - APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF
 CERTIFICATE NOS. 236-W AND 179-S TO EXTEND SERVICE AREA
 IN NASSAU COUNTY BY UNITED WATER FLORIDA INC.

Please place the attached letter dated November 1, 2000, in the above-referenced docket file. Also, please indicate in CMS that this document is a "letter withdrawing objection to application of Janice A. Sanderson and M.B. Platt," instead of using the generic label, "attachment."

Thank you.

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cc: Division of Regulatory Oversight (Rieger)

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November 1, 2000

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RE: Docket No. 001234-WS - Application for amendment of Certificates Nos. 26-W and 179-S to extend service area in Nassau County by United Water Florida Inc.

Dear Samantha,

I am of the understanding, based on our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon, that United Water has amended the above referenced applications to serve only the Lighthouse Pointe, a.k.a. Amelia Island Ventures, Inc., development and that no residences outside of the development will be required to tie in to these lines. Contingent upon my understanding to be correct, I am withdrawing my objection.

I am still concerned that the amended agreement between our county and Amelia Island Ventures, Inc. regarding this sewer system was never advertised and there were never any public hearings. I am also concerned that the Developer's Agreement between United Water and Amelia Island Ventures, Inc., is not on file with our county and was still being drafted as of 9/19/00.

I understand that the state of Florida is anxious to eliminate septic tanks and put everyone on central sewer systems because of environmental concerns. I am also deeply concerned about the environment and, equally, concerned about my community of Chester. The rural and spatial nature of our community combined with our high elevation, would probably make it difficult for us to even qualify for grant monies to help pay for this system. This "desire" on the part of the State of Florida must be coupled with "common sense". When tying into a central sewer system will force people to take out mortgages on their homes, ignore needed medical treatment, not be able to pay tuition, bills, etc., it has gone too far. And if a person decides not to tie in, they can look forward to a \$500.00 a day fine, liens on their home and even condemnation.

Additionally, what is more detrimental to the environment? Septic tanks or sewer systems which allow developers to build at a higher density with increased run-offs from pesticides, fertilizers, automobiles and boats?

Samantha, in closing, I want to reiterate that the withdrawal of my objection is based upon no one outside of Lighthouse Pointe being required to tie in to his system.

Sincerely,


Janice A. Sanderson


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cc: Governor Jeb Bush
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