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Public Service Commission

February 5, 2001

Mr. Howard Short
Heartland Utilities, Inc.
10405 US 27 South
Sebring, Florida 33870

RE: Docket No. 001826-WU: Application for transfer by Heartland Utilities, Inc. (holder of Certificate No. 420-W in Highlands County) of DeSoto City and Sebring Country Estates water systems to City of Sebring.

Dear Mr. Short:

This letter is a follow up to the review and subsequent telephone call to your office concerning deficiencies which exist with your application for transfer. These deficiencies need to be cured in order for us to process your application.

Deficiencies

1. List of utility assets not transferred. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.037(4)(d), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), a list is to be included with the transfer application of any utility assets not transferred to the governmental authority if such remaining assets constitute a system providing water or wastewater service to the public for compensation. Since the transfer application indicates that a portion of the utility's systems are being transferred to the City of Sebring, there appears to be remaining utility assets as defined above. Please provide the list of utility assets not transferred.
2. Map showing remaining territory. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.037(5)(b), F.A.C., a copy of the official county tax assessment map, or other map, showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1"=200' or 1"=400', with the remaining territory plotted thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of beginning is to be provided. No such map was received with the application. Please provide the necessary map.

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Additional Information

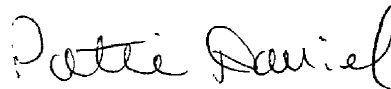
According to the application, the buyer proposed to take official action to acquire the utility on January 3, 2001. When did the actual closing take place?

The original and four copies, except only one map is needed, of the response to the information requested in this letter should be filed with the Commission on or before **March 26, 2001**. When filing the response, please be sure to reference the docket and to direct the response to :

**Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850**

Should you have any questions concerning the information requested in this letter, please contact Ms. Stephanie Clapp, of my staff, at (850) 413-6997.

Sincerely,



Patti Daniel
Chief, Bureau of Certification

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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (lowe, Messer, Clapp, Walden)
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Division of Records and Reporting