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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for original certificates for proposed water and wastewater system and request for initial rates and changes in Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties by Grove Land Utilities, LLC.

In re: Application for original certificates for proposed water and wastewater system and request for initial rates and charges in Martin and St. Lucie Counties by Bluefield Utilities, LLC. **DOCKET NO. 090445-WS**

DOCKET NO. 090459-WS

MOTION FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

Grove Land Utilities, LLC and Bluefield Utilities, LLC (hereafter "Grove Land/Bluefield"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, hereby file this Stipulated Motion for Continued Abatement, and in support thereof would state as follows:

- 1. This matter was most recently in abatement by PSC Order No. PSC-11-0102-PCO-WS until April 30, 2011.
- 2. That Order required Grove Land and Bluefield to notify the Commission of the status of their negotiations and whether the matter should be rescheduled for hearing by no later than April 30, 2011. That notification was supplied on April 29th.
- 3. These consolidated applications were originally the subject of six objections (Okeechobee Utility Authority, St. Lucie County, Martin County, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Indian River County, and the City of Port St. Lucie). To date, ongoing negotiations between the applicants and the objecting local governmental entities have resulted in a settlement with Okeechobee Utility Authority, Fort Pierce Utility Authority, Indian River County and the City of Port St. Lucie. Discussions and negotiations remain active and ongoing with the two remaining objectors (St. Lucie County and Martin County). Since the notification on April 29th, subsequent

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events support a further extension of the abatement period and the same would be in the public

interest.

4. The only remaining protesting parties in this docket, Martin County and St. Lucie

County, agree to an extension of the abatement. An extension of the abatement will allow the

on-going negotiations to proceed without the distraction simultaneous litigation often creates to

such efforts. Further abatement will not prejudice or adversely affect the applicants, the

objecting parties, the public, or the Commission or its staff. Further abatement of this matter, as

opposed to a mere continuance, is in the public interest, promotes judicial economy, and will

allow these applications and the ultimate determination of their merits by the Commission to

proceed in a more orderly and considered fashion.

WHEREFORE, and in consideration of the above, the applicants in these consolidated

dockets respectfully request that the Commission extend the abatement this proceeding and all

critical dates associated herewith, and direct that Grove Land/Bluefield advise the Commission,

no later than July 18, 2011 as to the status of any negotiations between the parties and whether

this matter should be rescheduled for hearing or whether a different course of action is

appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of

May, 2011, by:

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