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Public Service Commission

January 9, 2004

Mr. Roger E. Snyder 1422 Faye Avenue Lakeland, Florida 33803

> Docket No. 031087-WU - Application for certificate to provide water service Re:

in Polk County by The Colinas Group, Inc., receivers for Lazy S Utility Co.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

COMMISSIONERS:

J. TERRY DEASON

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LILA A. JABER, CHAIRMAN

RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

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Thank you for your letter received on January 7, 2004, regarding the application filed in the above-referenced docket. In your letter, you indicated that you object to the application for original certificate filed by The Colinas Group.

However, the Commission needs to know your intent regarding your objection to this application. If you choose to pursue the objection, you may request a formal hearing, which will be scheduled and at which you will be required to provide testimony and other evidence to support your protest. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves at hearing, you may wish to hire an attorney to represent you.

Please advise this Commission by February 9, 2004, if you intend to pursue your objection and wish to request a formal hearing. Your request should be made in writing and should be addressed to Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services. Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. If we do not hear from you by February 9, 2004, we will assume that you do not wish to pursue a formal hearing and your letter will be placed on the correspondence side of the docket file in this case for informational purposes.

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If you have any questions, you may contact me at (850) 413-6224.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Gervasi Senior Attorney

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Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services cc:

Charles S. Freed, P.E.

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