## STATE OF FLORIDA

RICHARD D. MELSON GENERAL COUNSEL (850) 413-6199

COMMISSIONERS: BRAULIO L. BAEZ, CHAIRMAN J. TERRY DEASON RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY LISA POLAK EDGAR

## Hublic Service Commission

September 13, 2005

Mr. Stephan de Paz White Bird of Paradise Corporation 11590 Red Hibiscus Drive Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

> Re: Docket No. 020640-SU - Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Lee County by Gistro, Inc.

Dear Mr. de Paz:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the application filed in the abovereferenced docket. In a recent telephone conversation, you advised me that you do not wish to request a formal hearing on the application. Therefore, your correspondence has been placed on the correspondence side of the docket file for informational purposes.

	Please be advised that Gistro, Inc. has applied for a certificate to continue to operate and
~LED	to begin charging rates for wastewater collection service only. The application does not
_	contemplate a change to your wastewater collection service provider. Bonita Springs Utilities
COM	will continue to provide your wastewater treatment service.
CTR	Please also be assured that before making a decision on the application, the Public
ECR .	Service Commission will carefully review the application and Gistro, Inc.'s technical and
GCL	financial ability to operate the system in the public interest. The Commission will also confirm
_	that Mr. Holzberg owns the land or possesses the right to continued use of the land upon which
OPC .	——————————————————————————————————————
RCA	We forwarded your correspondence to Ms. Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, counsel for Gistro,
SCR	- Inc., and requested that she respond to your concerns about ownership of the collection facilities.
SGA	A copy of Ms. Cowdery's response to your concerns is attached for your ready reference.
SEC	
отн	
OIT.	4.

TAND COMMISSION OF FRE

Mr. Stephan de Paz September 13, 2005 Page 2

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6224.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Gervasi Senior Attorney

RG/pz Enclosure

cc: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, Esquire



215 SOUTH MONROE STREET SUITE 815 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301

(850) 412-2000 FAX: (850) 412-1307 KATHRYN.COWDERY@RUDEN.COM

July 29, 2005

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 Via hand-delivery JUL 2 9 2005

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Re:

Docket No. 020640-SU: Application for wastewater certificate in Lee County by

Gistro, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter responds to Staff's July 28, 2005 request that I respond to Mr. de Paz's concerns raised in his undated letter which was sent by facsimile transmittal to Pat Brady, and which has been identified as Document ID 07219-05. Staff has stated that the information provided in Mr. de Paz's filing purports to dispute Mr. Holzberg's legal rights to ownership of the land.

Mr. de Paz called me on July 27, 2005 regarding the notice of application. I asked him whether he understood the application for wastewater certificate and what was being requested. He responded "no" and that it did not matter. I asked him who he thought owned the collection system and lift stations and he said he did not know, but it was not Mr. Holzberg.

To the best of my ability, I have attempted to understand Mr. de Paz's concern. It appears to me that Mr. de Paz has a concern with "faulty recording" due to Gistro, Inc. ("Gistro") being incorporated following conveyance of property by quit claim deed from Forest Mere Joint Venture to Gistro and Forest Mere Joint Venture having become an inactive corporation in 1995. Because the quit claim deed conveyances from Forest Mere Joint Venture and Gistro were between two of Mr. Holzberg's closely held companies, Mr. de Paz's "objections" in this regard are not substantive in nature, as there was, is, and will be no dispute between these closely held companies as to ownership. Mr. de Paz makes no claim that any other entity owns the collection system or lift stations.

As further support, I would refer Staff to the Chicago Title Insurance Company title commitment which Gistro paid for and filed with the PSC in this docket at Staff's request. This title commitment specifically states that Gistro is the owner of what is referred to in this docket as lift station #1. (The real property taxes are billed to and paid by Gistro, and supporting tax TAL:52785:1

RUDEN, McCLOSKY, SMITH, SCHUSTER & RUSSELL, P.A.

Letter to Blanca Bayo July 29, 2005 Page 2

statements for this lift station were filed in this docket.) Schedule B Section 1 of the title commitment lists certain requirements which would need to be satisfied in order for the title company to issue a title policy. These include specific requirement 14: a quit claim deed from Forest Mere Joint Venture to Gistro, since the original quit claim deed was executed and delivered prior to grantee's incorporation and the deeds were improperly executed. If the property were to be sold, the buyer would likely want that corrected. However, notwithstanding the requirements listed on Schedule B Section 1, the title commitment shows that title to the property is vested in Gistro. Since Forest Mere Joint Venture was a company formed by Mr. Holzberg, there would be no problem obtaining a corrective quit claim deed. It is not necessary for Mr. Holzberg to pay for preparation and recording of corrective quit claim deeds for purposes of Gistro's application for original certificate since Forest Mere Joint Venture is not and would not challenge ownership of the collection system or lift stations. The same analysis would apply to the March 27, 2002 guit claim deed for lift station #2 between Forest Mere Joint Venture and Gistro and to the March 27, 2002 quit claim deed for the collection system between Forest Mere Joint Venture and Gistro (both deeds filed in this docket by letter of October 7, 2002). Additional proof of ownership support was filed in this docket, as requested by Staff, but it does not appear that it is being challenged by Mr. de Paz.

Gistro is requesting a wastewater certificate with regard to the collection system and two lift stations described in this application. Gistro has supplied proof of ownership of these facilities, and that information is on file in this docket.

Sincerely,

Kathryn G. W. Cowd

Attorney

cc (hand-delivery):

Pat Brady

Roseanne Gervasi, Esq.

Richard Redemann

Patti Daniel