

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Certificates)
to provide Water and Wastewater) DOCKET NO. 961321-WS
Service in Clay County by Point)
Water and Sewer, Inc.)

TESTIMONY OF CAROL MATTHEWS ON BEHALF OF THE POINT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

- Q. Please state your name and address.
- A. My name is Carol Matthews and my home address is 2744 Old River Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223.
- Q. Are you familiar with an organization known as The Stewards of The Saint Johns River, Inc. ("Stewards")?
- A. Yes. I am a member of the Stewards.
- Q. What is the nature of that organization?
- A. Stewards is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of serving as the "voice of the River" the St. Johns River, that is. In particular, Stewards is an all voluntary organization of approximately 200 members whose purpose is to protect, preserve and, where possible, restore the beauty and pristine nature of the River. We are actively involved in many volunteer projects, including "clean-up" projects to promote our organizational goals.

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- Q. Assuming for the purpose of this question that a development has a choice between continued operation of a package wastewater treatment plant that discharges effluent into the St. Johns River and, alternatively, connection to the regional county wastewater treatment system, which alternative would Stewards support?
- A. As a matter of policy, Stewards would generally support connection to the regional system in lieu of continued discharge of an existing plant into the St. Johns River. We feel such a policy is consistent with the long term promotion of the organization's stated goals and is in the public interest.
- Q. Does this complete your testimony in this matter?
- A. Yes, but I will answer any other questions.