



MEMORANDUM

February 23, 1998

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BRUBAKER)

RE: DOCKET NO. 970029-WS - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW CLASS OF SERVICE FOR BULK WASTEWATER SERVICE IN MARTIN COUNTY BY HYDRATECH UTILITIES, INC.

Please place the attached letter dated February 12, 1998, in the above-referenced docket file.

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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Austin)

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Re: Hydratech Utilities, Inc.; Docket No. 970029-WS New Class of Service for Bulk Wastewater Service Our File No. 25021.01

Dear Jennifer:

I am writing to update you on the status of Hydratech's negotiations with Martin County for bulk service arrangement which was the impetuous for the Utility's filing the proposal for establishing a bulk service rate in the above-referenced docket. The Utility has now forwarded the County an agreement calling for individual service which was negotiated between the Utility and the County. While the Utility is not in favor of this type of service arrangement, it appeared as though the only way to finalize service to these individual within the Banner Lakes area was to agree to individual service. We are still very concerned about whether or not the County will execute the Agreement, and also whether or not the individual service will work since the water is provided by an unrelated private water company through meters over which the Utility has no control. The Utility may have to seek a flat rate charge for these individual customers in the future.

However, before anything further is done in this case, the Utility needs to see whether Martin County will execute the Agreement for service on an individual basis to the Banner Lake subdivision. As soon as that Agreement is returned to the Utility in an executed form, we will notify the Commission and immediately have this case closed without further action by the Commission. In the interim, please be patient with us while we await the County's final decision in this regard.

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Should you have any questions in the meantime, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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