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DATE: July 28, 1998
TO: Division of Records and Reporting (Bayo)
FROM: Division of Water and Wastewater (Walker) *MSW BSM*
RE: Docket No. 971185-WS: Application for Grandfather Certificates to Provide Water and Wastewater Service in Polk County by New River Ranch, L.C. d/b/a River Ranch

On May 14, 1996, the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes, declaring that privately owned water and wastewater utilities in that county were subject to the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. On August 6, 1996, Mr. Gary Merritt with River Utilities, Inc., filed some initial information to obtain a grandfather certificate for that utility. However, on January 14, 1997, River Utilities, Inc., was declared bankrupt and its facilities were acquired by New River Ranch, a limited corporation. On September 11, 1997, New River Ranch, L.C., filed an application for a grandfather certificate to provide water and wastewater service in Polk County.

Upon further review, staff believes this application should be designated as an application for an original certificate for an existing utility system in Polk County. Therefore, we request that this docket be retitled: "Application for Original Certificates for an Existing Utility Providing Water and Wastewater Service in Polk County by New River Ranch, L. C., d/b/a River Ranch."

cc: Division of Records and Reporting (Simmons)
Division of Legal Services (Crosby)

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