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DATE: December 22, 1999

TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Director, Division of Records & Reporting

FROM: Sonica C. Hines, Regulatory Analyst I, Division of Water and

Wastewater

RE: DOCKET NO. 980678-WU-Initiation of show cause proceedings

against Gem Estates Utilities, Inc., in Pasco County for violation of Rule 25-30.110(3), F.A.C., Annual Report, and

Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees.

Attached is an original and a copy of a letter from Mrs. Holly Malberg, owner of Gem Estates Utilities, Inc. Please file in the above-mentioned docket file.

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I needed records of residents' payments, amounts due etc. There were none. I do not have these records. As I explained in the previous letter my sister's house was in great disarray----letters, Utility information etc. mixed in with literally hundreds of newspapers all aver her house from one end to the other. She has since told me she did not keep records. She has had some extreme emotional problems, which caused the negligence. She became so severely depressed that she was unable to function as a manager. Her behavior patterns were very irregular. Some payments she deposited, and some she did not. Thus there was tremendous disorder. (Our family is still trying to help her with her personal situation.)

As people have made payments, I have kept records and deposited the money. The 1998 Annual Report has been done. I have paid the RAFs (\$3183.18). The well was hit by lightning, and we of course had to pay for the repair. I keep up, of course, with all the normal operating expenses of the system. My sister had gotten severely behind on the taxes; I had to pay for that out of my own money. Of course all of these situations have caused our funds to be very low.

The above situations make it virtually impossible to pay the fines. Thank you again for your consideration.

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