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November 21, 2000

Mr. Ray Eubanks
Bureau of State Planning
Division of Resource Planning and Management
Department of Community Affairs
2550 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-2100

RE: PSC Docket No. 001660-SU- Application by Highlands Utilities Corporation for Amendment of Certificate in Highlands County.

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

Attached is a copy of the application of Highlands Utilities Corporation for amendment of territory in Highlands county. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Public Service Commission (PSC), the DCA has agreed to provide input on need for service and comprehensive plan consistency on applications for amendments or original certificates filed with the PSC.

The filing of Highlands Utilities Corporation is the fourty-ninth filing to receive this treatment. The staff requests that a response be received by January 5, 2001. Please note that the response should be addressed to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, with the docket number highlighted for reference by the Commission. If this application is protested within the next 30 days, the docket will be set for hearing. Should this happen, the DCA will be updated by the PSC staff assigned to the case.

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The staff at the Commission is looking forward to receiving the additional input from the DCA regarding the application. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Billie Messer at 413-6990.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Division Director

Enclosure

cc: w/o enclosure

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