## MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2001

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING TO:

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FROM: DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT (REDEMANN)

RE :

DOCKET NO. 001585-WU - APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF

CERTIFICATE NO. 424-W TO ADD TERRITORY LOCATED

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BY AQUASOURCE UTILITY, INC.

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Enclosed please find a letter dated December 22, 2000 from Martin S. Friedman, attorney for the utility, which should be placed in the docket file.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Re: Lake Josephine Water; Docket No. 001585-WU

Our File No. 33087.06

Dear Richard:

In accordance with our recent telephone conference, the following is an expansion of AquaSource Utility, Inc.'s financial and technical ability to provide service to the proposed territory as set forth in paragraph 7 of the Application for Amendment of Certificate.

With regard to AquaSource Utility, Inc.'s financial ability, AquaSource is the water and wastewater utility subsidiary of DQE which provides electricity, water, gas and communication services to more than one million customers throughout the United States. As of December 31, 1999, DQE had operating revenues of \$1,341,000,000 and total assets of \$5,609,000,000. Net income was \$201,000,000. For the 12 months ending September 30, 2000, it had net income of \$187,172,000 on total operating revenues of \$1,343,447,000.

With regard to technical ability, there are no outstanding violations with regard to this system, and the company utilizes the appropriately licensed operations personnel.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For the Firm

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cc: Rick Herskovitz, Esquire