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Re: 2006 Water Quality Report - Venture Associates Utilities Corporation (Certificate # WU-512)

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is a copy of our 2006 water quality report. Venture Associates Utilities Corporation purchases water for resale from the City of Ocala. As such, we use the city's water quality report combined with our test results were applicable and our name.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at (352) 732-8662.

Sincerely,

Theresa Camuso

Theresa Camuso Controller Venture Associates Utilities Corporation

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## **Certification of Delivery of Consumer Confidence Report**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** This form shall be completed by all community water systems (CWSs) that have prepared a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in accordance with Rule 62-550.824, F.A.C., Consumer Confidence Reports. At the end of this form is a certification in which a system's authorized representative shall certify that the reported information is accurate and is in conformance with Rule 62-550.824, F.A.C. COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT IT BY AUGUST 10, together with a copy of your system's CCR, and any newspaper notice(s) and posted notice(s) of your CCR, to the appropriate DEP district office or Approved County Health Department (ACHD). Systems serving 100,000 or more persons posting their CCRs on publicly accessible Internet sites shall provide the information on the appropriate Internet link(s). All information provided on this form must be typed or printed in ink.

I. General Water System Information. (To be completed by all community water systems.)
System name: Venture Associates Utilities Corp. Contact person: Theresa Camuso
PWS Identification number (PWS-ID): 642-4785 Contact phone number: 352-732-9898
Mailing address: 5127 NW 26th Street City: CCala
State: FL Zin: 34482 Population served (not the number of "service connections"): 2010

II. CCR Distribution Method. (To be completed by all community water systems. Choose A or B as appropriate.)

A. We mailed or otherwise directly delivered a copy of our CCR to each customer on (enter date(s) of mailing or delivery.) (Systems that do not use the mailing waiver must mail or otherwise directly deliver a copy of their CCR to each customer.)

■ B. We were eligible to use a mailing waiver and used a mailing waiver. (Systems are eligible to use a mailing waiver <u>only</u> if they serve fewer than 10,000 persons, have not had any MCL or monitoring and reporting (M/R) violations, nor have been issued any formal Notices of Violations (NOVs), Consent Orders, Administrative Orders, or court-ordered civil actions during the calendar year before the year the CCR is due to the customers.)

Answer a. b. and c below.)

**a.** Date of newspaper:

**b.** Name of newspaper/newsletter that published our CCR:

**c.** A copy of our notice to customers, informing them that our CCR will <u>not</u> be mailed to them, is attached. This notice was: \_\_\_\_\_\_mailed with bill; \_\_\_\_\_published in newspaper/newsletter; or \_\_\_\_\_\_other (describe)

III. Posting of CCR on the Internet. (To be completed by all CWSs serving 100,000 or more persons.)

We posted our CCR on this publicly accessible Internet Site:

### IV. Report on Your Effort to Distribute Your CCR to Your Water Consumers.

(To be completed by all CWSs. Check all items that apply - at least 2 items must be checked.)

In addition to the methods selected in Part II,

A. We posted our CCR on this publicly accessible Internet

**B**. We published our CCR in the local newspaper(s). The name(s) and date(s) of the newspaper(s) are:

**C.** We advertised the availability of our CCR as a press release, radio announcement, or TV announcement. The type(s) and date(s) of the advertisement(s) are:

D. We delivered multiple copies of our CCR to single bill addresses serving several persons.

**E**. We delivered multiple copies of our CCR to the following community organizations:

X F. Our CCR was posted in the following public locations:

🛱 G. Our CCR was distributed by other methods (e.g., additional copies placed in entrance hall to facility). Describe.
Posted on the bullentin board at the developments
Clubhouse and is posted at our welcome center.
V. Use of Non-English Language in CCR. (To be completed by all community water systems.)
Information in a non-English language was included in our CCR because 20% or more of our customers do not speak English but speak The method we used to determine the proportion of non-English speaking customers is
This requirement does not apply to our system, because we have no non-English speaking group among our customers equal to or exceeding 20% of our total number of customers.
VI. Other Delivery Requirements. (To be completed by all community water systems.)
(A) Was a copy of your CCR sent to your county health department, as required by rule? K☐Yes ☐No
(B) Is your system regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC)? 🕅 Yes 🔲 No
If <u>Yes</u> , was a copy of your CCR sent to the PSC, as required by rule? XYes
(C) If your system sells water to other systems, have you provided them with either a copy of your CCR or the required
consumer confidence information?
VII. Certification of Delivery of CCR and Compliance with Regulations. (To be completed by all CWSs.)
This statement certifies that the above named community public water system has distributed its CCR for the time
period starting January 1,, and ending December 31,, to its customers on (mm/dd/yy) and provided the appropriate notices of availability according to the requirements listed in this form, which are also found in
Rule 62-550.824, F.A.C. This statement also certifies that the reported information is correct and consistent with the
compliance monitoring data for the same period previously submitted to the Department, and that the report has been delivered to the agencies identified in Rules 62-550.824(3)(e)3., and 4., F.A.C.
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Sharper ( )
NAME (please print): Thereas Camuso
TITLE: Controller DATE: 07-01-06

# $\square$ A copy of our CCR is attached.

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## 2006 Venture Associates Utilities Corporation Water Quality Report

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. The City of Ocala and Venture Associates Utilities Corporation wants to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

The City of Ocala and Venture Associates Utilities Corporation are asking everyone to please save money and conserve our drinking water. For more ways to minimize drinking water usages, and learn more about our valuable resource go on-line and view the following websites; the Southwest Florida Water Management District website, <u>www.swfwmd.state.fl.us</u>, or at Florida Department of Environmental Protection, <u>http://www.dep.state.fl.us/</u>, from the "index by search", go to "Water Quality and Conservation".

Our water is obtained from the City of Ocala who acquires the water from ground water sources, softened and chlorinated for disinfecting purposes and fluoridated for dental health purposes. We ensure that your water meets or exceeds all current federal and state drinking water standards. Ocala's water treatment facilities have won numerous Department of Environmental Protection awards for excellence in operations and maintenance.

In 2004, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on the City of Ocala. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of the wells (or surface intakes). There are 20 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with low, medium, and high susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/</a>.

There is a source water protection plan available from the City of Ocala that provides more information, such as potential sources of contamination.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or can result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial

- processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**D**rinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The City of Ocala and Venture Associates Utilities Corporation routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

#### What does this mean?

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. As you can see by the table, our water system had no maximum contaminant level violations. We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. While we have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected, the presence of some contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (as seen in the chart) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants: A person would have to drink two liters of water every day for a lifetime at the MCL to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).