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Docket No. 080183-WU, Joint application for approval of transfer of Tamiami Water Company, Re: Inc.'s water system and Certificate No. 388-W in Lee County to Ni Florida, LLC.

Dear Attorney Klancke:

The Tamiami Master Association Board of Directors, in their opinion, made a good faith effort and met with Mr. Richard Melcher of Ni-America and Mr. John Wittenzellner, Jr. of Florida Utility Group, LLC on May 27, 2008 and discussed the concerns of the above transfer.

During this meeting the following concerns were discussed:

- Why would a company pay 10 times the rate base for transfer when the standard rate base • is 3 times?
- Ni America has not requested nor mentioned acquisition costs in its application for transfer, will this be requested at a future date?
- Ni America has not requested nor mentioned a rate structure change in its application for transfer, will this be requested at a future date?
- What type of assurance from Ni America are your prepared to offer today to Tamiami Village and RV Park that you will not be requesting acquisition fees and rate increases if you become the owner of this utility?
- What type of local routine service and emergency service will you be offering?
- Will there be a local office?

IMENT NUMBER-Although Ni-America was willing to incur substantial costs to have both Mr. Melcher and Mr. Wittenzellner, Jr. present for the Board Meeting, Mr. Melcher was not prepared to discuss the acquisition costs of the Tamiami Village Water Company nor address the Board Member's concerns with regards to Ni America coming back at a later date to recoup the acquisition costs from its customer base. Furthermore, Mr. Melcher verbally assured those present, Ni America would not be requesting acquisition fees at a later date, but was unwilling to put this in writing.

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Rate structures were discussed, but Mr. Melcher was not prepared to discuss this as rate increases must be presented to the State for approval. The Board again expressed their concerns, yet Mr. Melcher was only verbally willing to offer assurances.

Ni America would be contracting with Florida Utility Group, LLC to maintain the water system and provide the required services. Mr. Wittenzellner, Jr. is President of this LLC and discussed the areas of service and office location. Florida Utility Group's office is located in Hudson, Florida and there are no plans to establish an office in this area at this time. Hudson is North of Tampa which in turn is over 100 miles from Tamiami Village and RV Park. The Board was informed that there are mandated service requirements relating to compliance issues to the utility system that are required and associated costs would be incurred by the customer. The Association was not aware of these compliance issues, did Tamiami Village Water Company, Inc. meet these guidelines? Neither Mr. Melcher nor Mr. Wittenzellner, Jr. was prepared to provide the Association with potential costs associated with these service requirements. Does this mean that Tamiami Village is going to be held financially accountable for Tamiami Village Water Company's failure to comply with these State mandated service requirements?

Unfortunately, there were only verbal assurances issued with no written assurances available. The Board of Directors discussed at length the rights and responsibilities to submit their case for consideration and the potential financial burden to the Association. As previously mentioned, Tamiami Village is a +55 community with many on very limited/fixed income. One of the main reasons for the Association's objection is the potential financial burden that could be placed on our residents. This same financial burden limits the Association in their ability to pursue the protest. Therefore, I ask that the Commission to please consider the Association's concerns and insure these concerns be placed in the correspondence side of the docket file in this case.

Tamiami Village would like the ability to address the Commission at the Agenda Conference. Please provide us with the necessary steps to insure the Association's ability to comply.

Thank you for your assistance with this situation. The Board of Directors appreciates the State's help with this situation.

Sincerely,

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