BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Original

Docket No. 090189-SU

Certificate for a Proposed Wastewater System and Request for Bifurcation by

Filed: June 5, 2009

Water Management Services, Inc.

WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.'S MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE AND TOLL DEADLINES

Water Management Services, Inc. ("WMSI"), by and through its undersigned counsel,

files this Motion to Hold Proceedings in Abeyance, and in support, states as follows:

1. On April 15, 2009, WMSI filed its Application for Wastewater Service and

Motion for Variance in this docket. Thereafter, WMSI completed the noticing requirements

imposed by Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code.

2. On April 27, 2009, the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") intervened in this

docket and filed its Response opposing WMSI's Motion for Variance. A number of citizens

wrote letters to the Commission regarding WMSI's Application, and several persons and entities

filed formal objections to the Application and Motion for Variance, and/or petitions for hearing.

WMSI withdrew its Motion for Variance by Notice dated May 28, 2009.

3. On June 4, 2009, WMSI received a letter from the Franklin County Board of

County Commissioners (the "Board") requesting the company to hold its Application in

abeyance for a period of six (6) months so that the Board could conduct its own investigation. A

copy of the letter is attached hereto. WMSI wishes to cooperate with the Board and therefore,

by telephone discussion with the Board's attorney, agreed to file this Motion asking the

Commission to hold the proceeding in abeyance through and including December 10, 2009.

4. In compliance with Rule 28-106.204(3), Florida Administrative Code, the

undersigned consulted with OPC regarding this Motion, and was advised that OPC does not

oppose it. The undersigned also conferred with the following persons listed as parties of record by the Commission Clerk, all of whom stated that they had no objection to this Motion: Walter J. Armistead, Mel Kelly, Barbara Sanders, and Franklin County Oyster & Seafood Task Force, Inc. In addition, counsel conferred with Apalachicola Bay and River Keeper, Inc.'s attorney, Randall Denker, who stated that she would contact her client to determine its position. As of the time of filing this Motion, Ms. Denker has not yet learned the client's position. Counsel also conferred with the President of the St. George Plantation Owners Association, who advised that he was not authorized to state the organization's position, absent a meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon learning that the organization had consulted legal counsel, the undersigned attempted to contact said counsel, who was out of the office for the day. WMSI will promptly advise Commission staff upon receipt of any communication from counsel for either organization.

- 5. By conferring with persons listed as parties of record in this proceeding, WMSI neither concedes that all such persons have standing as parties to this proceeding nor waives the right to move for dismissal, following the six (6) month abeyance period, of persons who lack standing.
- 6. Granting this Motion will not prejudice the rights of any party or putative party. There are no hearings or other events currently scheduled in this docket and the 90-day deadline set forth in Section 367.031, Florida Statutes, does not apply because the Commission has received at least one objection to the Application.

WHEREFORE, WMSI respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order holding this proceeding in abeyance and tolling all deadlines, effective as of the date of this Motion and continuing through December 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of June, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by U.S. Mail and where indicated, by email, to the following persons this 5th day of May, 2009:

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> Re: PSC Docket 090189-SU Application for Original Certificate for a Proposed Wastewater System and Request For Bifurcation by Water Management Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Rule:

On June 2, 2009, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") directed that I write to request that your client agree to hold his above referenced application in abeyance for six months while Franklin County undertakes its investigation of this matter.

The Board believes that six months is sufficient time for it to gather the information it needs to make a decision. As they undertake this process, I'm certain that if the Board believes that more or less time is needed, they will communicate same to your client

Please let me know your clients response to this request at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

Thomas M. Shuler

Franklin County Attorney

Xc:

Clerk

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