

**SUNDSTROM
& MINDLIN, LLP**

Attorneys | Counselors



2548 BLAIRSTONE PINES DRIVE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301

PHONE (850) 877-6555
FAX (850) 656-4029

www.sfflaw.com

December 29, 2016

Melinda Watts, Engineering Specialist
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 150012-WU; Application for Transfer of Certificate No. 390-W from
Countywide Utility Co., Inc. to Southwest Ocala Utility, Inc. in Marion County

Dear Ms. Watts,

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you concerning the response to the Staff's First Data Request. We have reviewed the Utility's documents concerning the transfer and have found that the information that was previously submitted to the Staff on August 24, 2015 are not the documents that require confidentiality. As such, those were provided to the Commission Staff. The document that requires confidentiality is the "Loan Sale Agreement" dated July 19, 2012. Obviously, because it is a confidential document, I cannot provide a copy to you. However, I believe I am within our rights in stating the exact wording of the document that requires confidentiality, specifically, under Section 9.15 entitled "Confidentiality." The Agreement provides in part "Buyer shall keep the contents of this Agreement confidential". Given this confidentiality requirement, I do not believe that the Buyer has the ability to provide this documentation to the Commission.

I trust that this responds to the Staff's First Data Request. If you have any further questions in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

F. Marshall Deterding
Of Counsel

FMD/brf

cc: Office of Commission Clerk
Dirk Leeward