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Public Service Commission

December 17, 2019

Mr. Cornelius Mahoney 6001 River Grove Drive Micco, Florida 32976

Re: Docket No. 20190147-WS - Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Brevard County by River Grove Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

The purpose of this letter is to determine your intent regarding your letter received on November 8, 2019, objecting to the application to provide water and wastewater service in Brevard Count by River Grove Utilities, Inc. Specifically, I need to know whether you only wish to state that you object to the approval of the certificate application, or whether you are also requesting an administrative hearing on the matter.

An administrative hearing is similar to a trial, in which you, the utility, Commission staff, and any other intervening parties will present testimony and evidence to the Commissioners about whether the application for water and wastewater certificates should be granted. The hearing process will involve the development of issues, and both issuing and responding to discovery, such as interrogatories, requests for production, and deposition of witnesses. Although the Commission allows individuals to represent themselves, it may be to your benefit to hire an attorney if you intend to pursue this matter to hearing. You may also wish to consult with the Office of Public Counsel, which is a separate Legislative agency, statutorily authorized to represent utility customers in proceedings before the Commission. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (850) 488-9330. Please be aware that if you elect not to pursue the matter to hearing at this time, there will not be a later opportunity to do so.

If instead you wish to advise the Commission as to your objection, without requesting a hearing, your letter will be placed into the correspondence side of the docket file, where it will be available for the Commission's consideration and for all to review. In addition, if you wish to do so, you will have the opportunity to attend and speak at the Commission Agenda Conference in Tallahassee, when the application will be considered by the Commissioners. This matter is currently scheduled to be considered at the Commission's February 4, 2020, Agenda Conference.

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Please let me know in writing by January 10, 2020, what your intention is in this regard, either by emailing me at <u>kurt.schader@psc.state.fl.us</u>, or by U.S. Mail to the following address:

Kurt Schrader, Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee FL 32399-0850 Re: Docket No. 20190147-WS

Please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6234 or the above email address if you have any questions. If I have not received a written response from you by the above date, your letter of objection will be placed in the correspondence side of the docket without scheduling a hearing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Kurt Schrader Senior Attorney

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20190147-WS)