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SYSTEMS: KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LAKEVIEW VILLAS AND POSTMASTER VILLAGE
WATER SYSTEMS

COUNTY: PUTNAM

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Lynam DeFalco and my business address is 7825 Baymeadows Way Suite 200-B, Jacksonville, FL 32256-7577.

Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and experience.

A. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Jacksonville University. I have over ten years experience in the Drinking Water Section of DER and HRS.

Q. By whom are you presently employed?

A. I am currently employed by The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental Regulation and in what capacity?

A. I have been employed in the potable water section of DER as an Environmental Specialist for approximately eight years.

Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of Environmental Regulation?

A. I perform field inspections of public drinking water systems and monitor compliance and enforcement of state and federal regulations.

Q. Are you familiar with the Southern States Utilities Water Systems in Clay County, particularly the Keystone Heights, Lakeview Villas and Postmaster Village systems?

A. I am familiar with all of the systems through DER files. I have visited the Keystone Heights and Postmaster Village systems. I have not visited the

1 | Lakeview Villas system.

2 | Q. Do the utilities have construction permits from the Department of
3 | Environmental Regulation?

4 | A. The systems do not have current construction permits.

5 | Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution systems
6 | sufficient to serve its present customers?

7 | A. Yes.

8 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure
9 | throughout the distribution systems?

10 | A. Yes. I have not received customer complaints that indicate a pressure
11 | problem.

12 | Q. Do these systems have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
13 | of a power outage?

14 | A. The Keystone Heights system has adequate auxiliary power.
15 | The Lakeview Villas is not required to have auxiliary power.
16 | The Postmaster Village is required to have auxiliary power but does not
17 | have adequate auxiliary power. I have sent SSU a non-compliance letter and am
18 | waiting for a response.

19 | Q. Are the utility's water wells located in compliance with Rule
20 | 17-555.312, Florida Administrative Code?

21 | A. Yes.

22 | Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 17-602,
23 | Florida Administrative Code?

24 | A. Yes.

25 | Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in

1 | accordance with Section 17-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

2 | A. No written program is on file. SSU is required to develop a cross-

3 | connection control program. However, it has been my experience with this

4 | utility that each connection is checked for potential hazards and a

5 | determination is made whether further protection is needed.

6 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plants and distribution

7 | facilities satisfactory?

8 | A. Yes, I inspected the Postmaster Village and Keystone Heights systems in

9 | June 1992. Both systems were deficient because they do not have a loss of gas

10 | chlorination capability alarm. I have sent SSU a non-compliance letter and am

11 | waiting for a response.

12 | Q. Does the water produced by the utilities meet the State and Federal

13 | maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?

14 | A. Yes.

15 | Q. Do the utilities monitor the organic contaminants listed in Rule

16 | 17-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?

17 | A. Yes.

18 | Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to

19 | regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment at any of the systems?

20 | A. No.

21 | Q. Do the utilities maintain the required chlorine residual or its

22 | equivalent throughout the distribution systems?

23 | A. Yes.

24 | Q. Are the plants and distribution systems in compliance with all the other

25 | provisions of Title 17, Florida Administrative Code, not previously mentioned?

1 | A. Yes.

2 | Q. Have any of the SSU - Clay County systems been the subject of any
3 | Department of Environmental Regulation enforcement action within the past two
4 | years?

5 | A. No.

6 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?

7 | A. No, I do not.

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