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Public Service Commission

September 3, 1996

Ms. Helen Sporer

123 Gulf Beach Drive W.

St. George Island, FL 32328

Dear Ms. Sporer:

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As per our recent conversations, a concern exists regarding the requirement by St. George Island Utility Company, Ltd. (utility) that you install a second meter which will serve a newly constructed second building on your property. It is my understanding that the two buildings both house the same real estate business. Further, it is my understanding that the two buildings have been constructed on three adjacent lots. The first building occupies two adjacent lots while the second building is mostly on the third lot. Given these circumstances, we have reviewed the utility's tariff and have considered your concerns about the installation of a second meter which would ultimately serve the same business. Staff has determined that there are two options.

The first option is to install the second meter. Enclosed, you should find a copy of the utility's tariff sheet which pertains to these specific circumstances. The utility's tariff states that, "in no case shall a customer, except with the written consent of the Company extend his lines across a street, alley, lane, court, property line, avenue, or other way, in order to furnish water service for adjacent property through one meter, even though such adjacent property may be owned by him." Realizing that the two buildings are on adjacent lots and are both housing the same business, it is still our determination that a second meter should be installed in order to receive service from St. George Island Utility Company, Ltd.

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Of course, the second option in this situation is to sink your own well as you discussed with county representatives. Whichever option you should choose, please call my office if we may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Troy Kendell Supervisor

cc: Ms. Sandy Chase

Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis, Galloway, Starling)

Division of Legal Services (Jaber, O'Sullivan) Division of Records and Reporting (docket file)

NAME OF COMPANY ST. GEORGE ISLAND UTILITY COMPANY, LTD.

WITHHOLDING SERVICE - The Company may withhold or discontinue water service rendered under application made by any member or agent of a household, organization or business sunless all prior indebtedness to the Company of such household, organization or business for water service has been settled in full.

Service may also be discontinued for any violation by the customer or consumer of any rule or regulation set forth in this tariff.

- 6.0 <u>EXTENSIONS</u> Extensions will be made to the Company's facilities in compliance with the Rules/Orders/Tariff issued by the Commission.
- IMITATION OF USE Water service purchased from the Company shall be used by the customer only for the purposes specified in the application for water service and the customer shall not sell or otherwise dispose of such water service supplied by the Company. Water service furnished to the customer shall be rendered directly to the customer through Company's individual meter and may not be remetered by the customer for the purpose of selling or otherwise disposing of water service to lessees, tenants, or others and under no circumstances shall the customer or customer's agent or any other individual, association or corporation install meters for the purpose of so remetering said water service. In no case shall a customer, except with the written consent of the Company extend his lines across a street, alley, lane, court, property line, avenue, or other way, in order to furnish water service for adjacent property through one meter, even though such adjacent property may be owned by him. In case of such unauthorized extension, remetering, sale or disposition of service, customer's water service is subject to discontinuance until such unauthorized extension, remetering, sale or disposition is discontinued and full payment is made of bills for water service, calculated on proper classification and rate schedules and reimbursement in full made to the Company for all extra expenses incurred for clerical work, testing, and inspections.
- 8.0 CONTINUITY OF SERVICE The company will at all times use reasonable diligence to provide continuous water service, and having used reasonable diligence, shall not be liable to the customer for failure or interruption of continuous water service. The company shall not be liable for any act or omission caused directly or indirectly by strikes, labor troubles, accident, litigations, breakdowns, shutdowns for emergency repairs, or adjustments, acts of sabotage, enemies

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