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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Amendment)
of Certificate Number 390-W in)
Marion County by County-Wide)
Utility Company, Inc.)

Docket No. _____

Filed: January 17, 1997

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION
FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE NO. 390-W**

County-Wide Utility Company, Inc. ("CWU"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Section 367.045(2), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.030, 25-30.032 and 25-30.036(3), Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") to amend Water Certificate No. 390-W to extend CWU's service territory to include unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 of the Bahia Oaks Subdivision in Marion County. In support of this Application, CWU states as follows:

1. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to:

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2. CWU's complete name and address are as follows:

County-Wide Utility Company, Inc.
7801 S.E. 58th Avenue
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3. CWU presently provides potable water service to unit numbers 1 and 2 of the Bahia Oaks Subdivision in Marion County, Florida pursuant to Certificate No. 390-W.¹ CWU also provides

¹Order No. 11868, issued April 21, 1983.

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potable water service to portions of unit number 3 of the same subdivision, and plans to provide potable water service to unit numbers 4 and 5 of the same subdivision in the near future. Unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 are not included in the certificated service territory of CWU or any other water utility.

4. Unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 are immediately adjacent to unit numbers 1 and 2. The legal description for unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 are provided in exhibit "L" of the Application that CWU filed herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference. Maps depicting unit numbers 1 through 5 are included in attachment "M-1" of the Application.

5. Unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 are planned to consist of 15 acres of commercial development and approximately 400 single family homes.² As stated in exhibit "A" of the Application, there is an immediate need for potable water service in unit numbers 3, 4 and 5. As stated in exhibit "C" of the Application, CWU's provision of potable water service to unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 is consistent with the water section of Marion County's comprehensive plan.

6. CWU's existing water treatment facilities are adequate to provide potable water service to unit numbers 1 through 5. A detailed description of CWU's existing and proposed facilities for unit numbers 1 through 5 is provided in exhibit "E" and attachment "N-1" of the Application. The permits that have been issued for CWU's system are described in exhibit "F" of the Application. A

²Exhibit "G" of the Application.

copy of the 99-year lease for the land upon which CWU's facilities are located is provided in exhibit "H" of the Application.

7. CWU is experienced in water utility operations and has the financial ability and technical expertise to provide potable water service to unit numbers 3, 4 and 5. Exhibit "I" provides a summary of CWU's technical and financial integrity.

8. The Commission most recently approved CWU's rates and charges by its Order No. 12899, issued January 18, 1984. The proposed service territory extension will not impact CWU's capital structure, monthly rates or service availability charges.¹

9. CWU has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission.⁴ Proposed Second Revised Sheet No. 3.0, a tariff sheet that defines CWU's service territory as unit numbers 1 through 5 of the Bahia Oaks Subdivision, is provided in exhibit "S" of the Application.

10. CWU represents that all of the information required by Rule 25-30.036(3), Florida Administrative Code, for the extension of CWU's service territory is included within the enclosed Application and Exhibits.

11. CWU's affidavits regarding notice of the proposed territory extension will be filed as late filed exhibits to this Application.

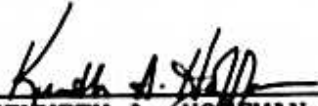
WHEREFORE, CWU requests that the Commission issue an order extending County-Wide Utility Company, Inc.'s service territory to

¹Exhibits "J" and "K" of the Application.

⁴Exhibit "R" of the Application.

include unit numbers 3, 4 and 5 of the Bahia Oaks Subdivision in Marion County, Florida, and amending Certificate No. 390-W accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,


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