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March 3, 1997

Mr. Tim Thompson, President
Marion Utilities, Inc.
710 N.E. 30th Avenue
P.O. Box 70400
Ocala, Florida 34470

Re: Docket No. 970119-WU; Application for Amendment of Certificate No. 347-W by Marion Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

After reviewing the application in the above referenced docket, the staff has identified the following deficiencies, which need to be corrected, and additional information is needed to process the application.

1. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the utility must provide evidence of ownership of the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located. A warranty deed was provided, but the deed is not recorded. Please record the deed and resubmit.

2. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(n), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the utility must provide a statement regarding the projected impact of the extension on the utility's monthly rates and service availability charges. The statement of "Each of our systems have separate service availability charges so this particular extension might require some changes." is not sufficient. What service availability charges apply to this system, and does the utility intend to file a service availability case?

3. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(j), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), provide a statement describing the capacity of the existing lines, the capacity of the treatment facilities and the design capacity of the proposed extension. The design capacity of the proposed extension was not listed. Please state the capacity of the proposed extension in gallons per day.

4. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the utility must provide a statement showing the financial and technical ability of the utility to provide service and the need for service in the area requested. The utility's financial statement of "Our current annual report should contain the necessary financial information." is insufficient. A

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reference to another document is not sufficient. Each docket must be complete in and of itself. Please provide a brief summary of the financial ability of the utility.

5. As required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(p), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the utility must return their certificate for possible amendment. Please provide Certificate No. 347-W.

On Exhibit B of the application the stated capacity of the plant design is .298 mgd. Please provide the peak flows at the water treatment plant, so it can be determined if the water plant has the capacity to serve the extension.

Please file an original and five copies of the requested information no later than March 31, 1997 with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,



Richard Redemann, P.E.

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Division of Records and Reporting (Bayo, Security File)