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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Application for Increased Water Rates by Hobe Sound Water Company (HSWC) in Martin County, Docket No. 970164-WU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of an affidavit of Michael Carfine, Manager of The Hobe Sound Water Company, attesting to (i) the mailing of the Notice of Customer Meeting to all the utility's customers; and (ii) the hand delivery of copies of the Rate Case Synopsis to Martin County and the Town of Jupiter Island.

For purpose of our records, please acknowledge your receipt of this filing on the enclosed copy of this letter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP


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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL CARFINE

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN**

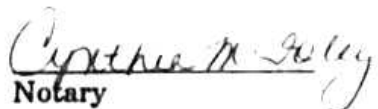
Before me personally appeared Michael Carfine who, being duly sworn states:

1. I am the Manager of The Hobe Sound Water Company ("Hobe Sound").
2. Hobe Sound mailed the attached Notice of Customer Meeting to all of its customers on or before June 11, 1997.
3. Hobe Sound hand delivered a copy of the attached Rate Case Synopsis to the chief executive officer of Martin County and the Town of Jupiter on June 5, 1997.

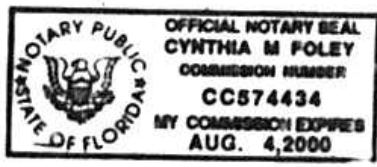
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


 Michael Carfine
 Manager
 The Hobe Sound Water Company

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me on this 13th day of
June, 1997.


 Notary

My Commission Expires:



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