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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Hydratech Utilities, Inc.; Docket No. 970029-WS
Petition for Approval of Bulk Rate for Sewer Service
Our File No. 25021.01

Dear Jennifer:

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you concerning the status of the above-reference matter. It is my understanding that in late January early February of this year, the County did take action proposing that Hydratech provide individual service to the residents of Banner Lake for which the above-referenced application was filed. Hydratech has initially agreed to try and work with the County to go along with the individual service rather than bulk service, if the parties can come to an agreement as to how that would be handled. As you know, if we are able to work out an arrangement for individual service to these customers, the establishment of a bulk wastewater only rate as proposed in the above-referenced docket would be unnecessary.

Shortly after the County's decision, we forwarded onto the County Attorney a draft agreement for individual service to the Banner Lake subdivision in accordance with the standard terms ordinarily utilized and repeatedly approved by the Public Service Commission. Approximately three weeks ago, we received a long letter from the County Attorney outlining concerns which she had with our draft agreement and we have now recently responded to her extensive letter.

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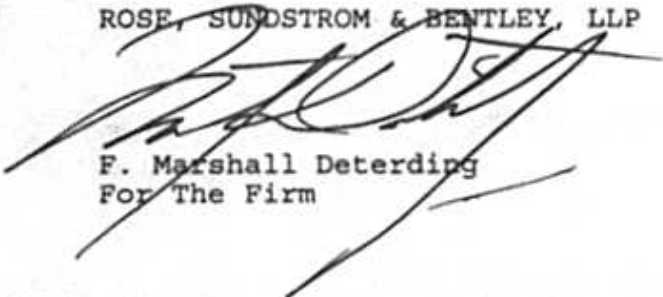
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We are hopeful that we will be able to work out an arrangement for individual service so as to render continued processing of the above-referenced docket unnecessary. However, this will probably take several weeks before we will know whether such an agreement is workable. As such, by copy of this letter, we are requesting that the Commission grant a further extension of time before taking any further action in processing this application until July 31, 1998. We believe that should provide us ample time in which to either finalize an agreement with the County, or to determine that no such agreement can be reached.

While we do believe that we are making progress with the County in negotiating for individual service, it is still unclear whether or not that will occur. As such, this docket needs to remain open in case our negotiations do fall through. I will report back to you as soon as I know more. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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