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As a homeowner in Sawgrass
Country Club I object to the application
by Intercoastal Utilities to expand
their service area.

This utility plant was originally
designed to treat wastewater from the
Sawgrass Country Club P.O.D. Its effluent
was to be used to irrigate its golf
course as part of its treatment process.
Its initial design contemplated using
the effluent solely for the irrigation of
the golf course.

The location of the treatment plant
in close proximity to an upscale
residential area made sense only because
of its dual function of treating municipal
waste from the development and supplying
the effluent to treat its golf course, a
logical closed system.

Expansion of Intercoastal's service
area is not a reasonable extension of
its original purpose. The expansion serves
only the desire of Intercoastal to increase
revenue at the expense of Sawgrass
residents.

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Intercoastal has been cited by DEP for exceeding their permitted discharge. In 1994 it was proposed that the Guana river become part of an Estuarine Reserve. Effluent from Intercoastal eventually flows into the Guana River. I personally made a study at the request of Sawgrass Directors to determine the effect on Sawgrass of the creation of the Reserve. One of the findings was a DEP requirement that "any new discharge not degrade existing water quality." Intercoastal threatens this quality standard with their present discharge. Future increases would exacerbate this problem.

Their excess effluent flows in a steady stream from their holding pond into the Sawgrass lagoon system every day. I personally observe this in my daily walk past the stream.

To my knowledge this group of self serving arrogant people have violated their permitted discharge since 1994, at least. Their attitude and practices provide no ~~no~~ assurance that they would live up to agreements for future performance.

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In addition to the above, the treatment facility emits a strong unpleasant odor all day, every day. This odor pollutes the air, a component of the environment. I suggest that the DEP should join the Sawgrass residents in strong objection to this source of pollution.

This odor and the location of the treatment plant degrade the economic value of this residential area. The discharge of excess effluent into the Sawgrass lagoon system degrades the quality of its water, thereby reducing the economic value of the residential area.

In addition to impacting the water quality of the Guava River and the Estuarine Reserve.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INITIAL
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR WATER AND
WASTEWATER CERTIFICATES**

Pursuant to Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and Section 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code, on this 29th day of December, 1999 notice is hereby given by Intercoastal Utilities, Inc., 6215 Wilson Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, of their applications for initial certificate of authorization for water and wastewater certificates for the following described territories in St. Johns and Duval Counties, Florida:

The legal description for the application for initial certificates is as follows:

This boundary description contains lands in the following Sections:

- Sections 34, 42, 46, 47, 51 and 52, Township 3 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 45, 46, 71, and 72 Township 4 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 34, 43, 44, and 46 Township 3 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26 Township 4 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 34 Township 3 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 42, 43, 44, 46, 71, 72, and 73 Township 4 South, Range 29 East;
- Sections 9, 15, 16, 22, 41, 42, 43, 48, and 54 Township 4 South, Range 29 East;
- A portion of Sections 4, 6, 39, and 40 Township 4 South, Range 29 East;
- All of Sections 46, 47, and 74

Containing 4,540 Acres more or less.

Written objections of the above noted application for initial water and wastewater certificates must be filed with the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, and a copy provided to John L. Wharton, Esq., ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP, 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, no later than 30 days after the last date this notice was mailed or published whichever is later. A copy of the legal description, complete with metes and bounds, can be obtained by requesting the same from John L. Wharton, Esq. at the address noted above.

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