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Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: PSC Docket No. 080179-SU; Application of Sun River Utility, Inc. for Extension of Wastewater Service in Charlotte County and DeSoto County

Dear Ms. Cole:

The Department of Community Affairs ("Department") has completed its review of the Sun River Utility, Inc. application to the Florida Public Service Commission for an expansion of its wastewater service area in Charlotte and DeSoto Counties. The Department evaluated the proposed utility service extension for compliance with the Charlotte County and DeSoto County Comprehensive Plans.

Sun River Utility, Inc. has applied to the Public Service Commission to extend wastewater utilities in Charlotte and DeSoto Counties. The Charlotte territory expansion, for one parcel of approximately 120 acres, is located east to U.S.41 within the Rural Service Area and is designated Agriculture on the Charlotte County Future Land Use Map. The Department has identified this expansion to be inconsistent with the tenets of the Charlotte Comprehensive Plan. The proposed territory extends into a low-density rural area. The territory considered for service is outside of the Charlotte County Urban Services boundary and is not targeted for urban development. A Comprehensive Plan amendment may be necessary to allow for the development of sufficient densities to support the proposed utility services. The Department shares the County's concern that the extension of utility service to east side of US 17 is not consistent with the principles guiding development as established in the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. DeSoto County has targeted this service area in their County for utilities, but has objected to Sun River Utility, Inc. as the utility provider. The Department has not identified any inconsistencies with the DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan with regard to the extension of utilities in this part of south DeSoto County.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne K. Lex, Community Planner, at (850)-922-0047.

Sincerely,

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