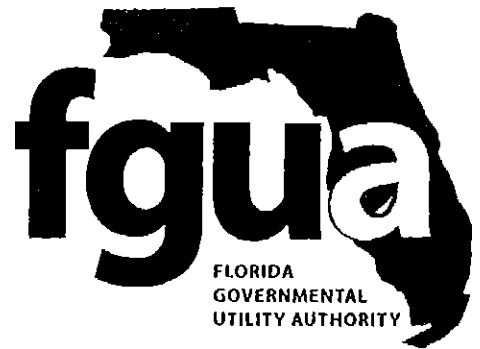


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The Honorable Paula M. Delaney  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners  
Alachua County, Florida  
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Dear Chair Delaney:

Representatives from the Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") were recently in contact with representatives of Alachua County to discuss the potential acquisition by the FGUA of the utility facilities owned by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., ("AUF") within your county, which facilities consist of the Arredondo Estates and Arredondo Farms water and wastewater systems.

Public ownership and control of these facilities may provide significant benefits to the County, including the opportunity: (1) to further develop a county-wide approach to the comprehensive supply, distribution, and treatment of water, and the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater; (2) to achieve economies of scale relative to utility operations, maintenance, customer service and management; (3) to provide current and future users of these systems with cost efficient services at reasonable rates by a governmental entity; (4) to provide that the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities is done in a proactive and environmentally responsible manner; (5) to stabilize rates over the long term, reduce inefficient expansion and extension of service capacities and avoid the proliferation of smaller facilities and sites; (6) to focus upon the appropriate expansion and interconnection of existing facilities and the construction of future facilities in a coordinated and uniform manner which avoids special or disproportionate benefit to investor-owned utility operators or special interests at the expense of present or future customers; and (7) for local government to not only coordinate the expansion and extension of facilities consistent with the County's comprehensive plans, but to operate the affected utility system as part of a larger community system.

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The FGUA is required under section 163.01(7)(g)3., Florida Statutes, to notify you in writing of this potential acquisition, and we are seeking Alachua County's consent. The statute also requires the FGUA to include with this notice certain information about the utility that is subject to acquisition. This information includes AUF's most recent available income and expense statement, balance sheet, and statement of rate base for regulatory purposes and contributions-in-aid-of-construction.

Due to AUF's size and its partially consolidated rate structure, the Florida Public Service Commission only requires it to maintain this information at the Company level and according to its consolidated rate groupings. Consequently, the FGUA has provided this consolidated information to you in order to comply with its statutory notice requirement, though we understand that the information may be of limited use to you.

In addition, for your information and use, please find attached a proposed consent resolution. If Alachua County adopts that resolution, it will not be necessary for the County to take any further action on this notice.

If you need any additional information or have any additional questions, please contact Assistant System Manager, Stephen Spratt, (407) 629-6900, [sspratt@govmserv.com](mailto:sspratt@govmserv.com), or by mail at: 280 Wekiva Springs Road, Suite 2000, Longwood, Florida, 32779.

Very truly yours,

Florida Governmental Utility Authority



Robert Sheets  
Secretary-Treasurer and System Manager

cc: David Wagner, County Attorney

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