



June 23, 2010

Ms. Beverly Trudell
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Pasco County Permits & Development Information
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Re: FGUA – Mitchell Water Treatment Plant, Project No. PS 026
Variance Application **IPR 10-025**

Dear Ms. Trudell:

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) is undertaking an improvement project at the Mitchell Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in the FGUA Seven Springs water system. The existing WTP was constructed in 1977 and consists of a 500,000 gallon water storage tank, a pump station building, and associated piping and chemical feed equipment. Improvements at the site will include a forced draft aeration tower with associated odor control vessels, five pressure filters, associated chemical storage and feed equipment, and a permanent emergency generator.

The FGUA is applying for a variance for the landscape buffer requirements for the site. On the east and west sides of the site, the existing structures on the site encroach on the 15' Type B buffer requirement. On the north side of the site, we are also requesting a landscape buffer requirement from a 15' Type B buffer to a 10' Type B buffer in order to accommodate proposed chemical equipment and allow access to equipment on the site. The number of plantings will be per Pasco County requirements, but the plantings have been grouped and placed to provide maximum screening from nearby properties.

The criterion from Pasco County Development Review that is applicable for this site is:

1. The strict application of the land development regulation creates an unreasonable or unfair non-economic hardship, or an inordinate burden that was not created by the variance applicant.

The water storage tank and pump station building on the site that encroach on the 15' Type B buffer are existing structures that were constructed in the 1970s. It is not possible, nor is it economically feasible, to relocate these structures onsite without completely shutting down and reconstructing the plant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

WADE TRIM, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly Dougherty', is written over a horizontal line.

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