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Mr. Kenneth A. Hoffman
Messer, Vickers, Caparello, Madsen,
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Re: Docket No. 920199-WS, Application of Southern States Utilities, Inc., Deltona Utilities, Inc. and United Florida Utilities Corporation for Increased Water and Wastewater Rates in Citrus, Nassau, Seminole, Osceola, Duval, Putnam, Charlotte, Lee, Lake, Orange, Marion, Volusia, Martin, Clay, Brevard, Highlands, Collier, Pasco, Hernando and Washington Counties - Test Year Approval

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

We have received your letter dated March 2, 1992, requesting approval to use an historic test year ended December 31, 1991, for a rate case covering 127 systems in the above named counties. Your test year request as outlined above is hereby approved.

ACK _____ Your letter also requested that you be allowed to file your prepared direct testimony
AFA _____ ~~thirty~~ (30) days after the approval of the minimum filing requirements. This request is also
APP _____ approved.

CTF _____
CPL _____ Lastly, your letter requested that the full Commission be assigned to consider this
CPL _____ rate request because of the complexity of the issues involved. Because of the current and
CPL _____ expected caseload of the Commission, I must deny your request; however, subsection
CPL _____ 350.01(6), Florida Statutes, provides that you may file a petition requesting that the full
CPL _____ Commission be assigned to this proceeding. If you file such a petition, the full Commission
CPL _____ will dispose of the request.

CPL _____
CPL _____ For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 920199-WS has been assigned to the
CPL _____ forthcoming case. Your petition will not be deemed filed until we have received the
CPL _____ petition, revised tariff sheets, the minimum filing requirements and the filing fee. To
CPL _____ minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above no later than
CPL _____ July 1, 1992. Because of the difficulty in scheduling hearing dates it is not anticipated that
CPL _____ an extension of this filing date will be granted.

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Under the file and suspend law, the time period for processing the request will begin when all of the required data is filed and accepted as complete. If not complete, the official date of filing will be the filing date of the corrections to the deficiencies, if they are accepted. The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, information not filed with the original application may not be considered and information filed after completion of the staff's investigation will not be considered. Lastly, the utility should be prepared to justify all increased operation and maintenance expenses, particularly those in excess of customer growth and inflation since the Utility's most recent rate case.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Beard
Chairman

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Mr. Talbott
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Division of Water and Wastewater