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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

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SYSTEMS: MARION OAKS AND SAMIRA VILLAS WATER  
COUNTY: MARION

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GERALD FOSTER

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2 | Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 | A. My name is Gerald B. Foster. My address is 4522 Oak Fair Blvd., Tampa,  
4 | Florida 33610.

5 | Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and  
6 | experience.

7 | A. I received a Bachelor of Art in Biology from the University of South  
8 | Florida in 1982. I have worked 4 years in the Florida Department of  
9 | Environmental Regulation (FDER) drinking water section.

10 | Q. By whom are you presently employed?

11 | A. I am employed by the FDER.

12 | Q. How long have you been employed with the FDER and in what capacity?

13 | A. I have been employed with the FDER for 4 years. I have been working in  
14 | the Drinking water section during the 4 years beginning as an Environmental  
15 | Specialist, and now as an Environmental Supervisor.

16 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of  
17 | Environmental Regulation?

18 | A. My responsibilities include inspection of drinking water systems,  
19 | monitoring compliance of drinking water systems with all of DER's compliance  
20 | rules, and basic supervisory duties.

21 | Q. Are you familiar with Southern States Utilities, Inc's Marion Oaks and  
22 | Samira Villas water systems in Marion County?

23 | A. Yes.

24 | Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system  
25 | sufficient to serve its present customers?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Does the utility maintain the 20 psi minimum pressure throughout the  
3 distribution system as required by Section 17-555.350, Florida Administrative  
4 Code?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event  
7 of a power outage?

8 A. The Marion Oaks facility has adequate auxiliary power. Samira Villas  
9 is not required to have an auxiliary power source.

10 Q. Are the utility's water wells in a location which complies with Section  
11 17-555.312, Florida Administrative Code?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in  
14 accordance with Section 17-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution  
17 facilities satisfactory?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal  
20 maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section 17-  
23 550.410, Florida Administrative Code?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do recent chemical analyst of raw and finished water, when compared to

1 | regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?

2 | A. No.

3 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its  
4 | equivalent throughout the distribution system?

5 | A. Yes.

6 | Q. Are the plants and distribution systems in compliance with all the other  
7 | provisions of Chapter 17 Florida Administrative Code, not previously  
8 | mentioned?

9 | A. Yes.

10 | Q. Have either of these water systems been the subject of any Department  
11 | of Environmental Regulation enforcement action within the past two years?

12 | A. No.

13 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?

14 | A. No.

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