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## October 14, 1992

Mr. Steve Tribble, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 HAND DELIVERY

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Re: FPSC Docket No. 920199-WS

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of Southern States' Motion for Expedited Responses to Discovery; and

2. Original and one copy of Southern States' Notice of Service of Its First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Public Counsel.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me. ACK Thank you for your assistance with this filing. AFA APP Sincerely, CAF \_\_\_\_\_ Jen K AAffran Kenneth A. Hoffman CMU \_\_\_\_\_ CTR \_\_\_\_ LEG **KAH**/rl cc: Brian P. Armstrong, Esq. LIN X **O**PC RECEIVED & FILED RCH SEC DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE WAS RECORDS 12096 OCT 14 1992 QTH. FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Southern ) States Utilities, Inc. and Deltona ) Utilities, Inc. 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. )

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Docket No. 920199-WS Filed: October 14, 1992

## SOUTHERN STATES' MOTION FOR EXPEDITED RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY

TO: HONORABLE BETTY EASLEY Commissioner and Prehearing Officer Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC. and DELTONA UTILITIES, INC. (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Southern States"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests the Prehearing Officer to enter an Order requiring OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL ("Public Counsel") to serve its responses to Southern States' First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Public Counsel, by hand delivery, on or before October 28, 1992. In support of its request for an Order requiring service of expedited responses to its discovery, Southern States states as follows:

1. On October 6, 1992, counsel for Southern States received copies of the Prefiled Testimony of Kimberly H. Dismukes and Victoria Montanaro filed on October 5, 1992 on behalf of Public Counsel.

2. Prior to October 6, 1992, Southern States had no basis upon which to propound specific interrogatories directed to the

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12006 00114 1392 807 FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING prefiled testimony of Public Counsel's witnesses.

3. On this date, Southern States has served by hand delivery its First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Public Counsel. These discovery requests primarily address the prefiled testimony of Ms. Dismukes. As previously mentioned, Southern States had no basis to propound such discovery requests prior to receipt and review of Ms. Dismukes' prefiled testimony.

4. Under the Order Establishing Procedure issued in this docket (Order No. PSC-92-0638-PCO-WS) and the Case Assignment and Scheduling Record, discovery actions are to be completed by October 28, 1992.

5. The purpose of a discovery deadline is to: (1) bring ongoing discovery to a close at a date certain in order to ensure that discovery does not continue into the dates scheduled for final hearing, and (2) provide parties with a reasonable period of time between the discovery deadline and final hearing to digest the information gained through discovery and prepare for final hearing.

6. Southern States has propounded its First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Public Counsel in an expeditious manner following receipt and review of Ms. Dismukes' prefiled testimony and exhibits. Southern States requires responses to its First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Public Counsel by hand delivery on or before October 28, 1992 in order to have reasonable time to use such information to prepare for hearing which begins on November

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7. Southern States requests the Prehearing Officer to require Public Counsel to respond to its First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents by serving responses on the undersigned counsel for Southern States by hand delivery on or before October 28, 1992. Southern States maintains that in light of the scheduling restrictions in this docket, a period of fourteen (14) days provides a reasonable amount of time to respond to Southern States' First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents.

WHEREFORE, Southern States requests the Prehearing Officer to enter an Order requiring Public Counsel to serve its responses to Southern States' First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents, by hand delivery, on or before October 28, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Southern States' Motion for Expedited Responses to Discovery was furnished by hand delivery(\*) and/or U. S. Mail, this 14th day of October, 1992, to the following:

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