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Public Service Commission

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Mr. Brian P. Armstrong
Southern States Utilities, Inc.
1000 Color Place
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Re: Docket No. 950495-WS, Application of Southern States Utilities, Inc. and Orange Osceola Utilities, Inc. for Increased Water and Wastewater Rates - Test Year Approval

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We have received your letter dated April 26, 1995, requesting approval to use a projected test year ended December 31, 1996. You further state that the application will include all of the Southern States Utilities, Inc. systems under the Commission's jurisdiction at the time of filing along with recently acquired Orange Osceola Utilities, Inc. Your letter also requests the use of an historical base year ended December 31, 1994, with an intermediate year ended December 31, 1995. The letter further indicates that the company is requesting approval to use a projected test year ended December 31, 1995, for interim purposes. Your test year request as outlined above is hereby approved. You should also be aware that prefiled direct testimony must be filed with the minimum filing requirements if you do not elect to request the proposed agency action process.

For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 950495-WS has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will not be deemed filed until we have received the petition, revised tariff sheets, the minimum filing requirements and the filing fee. To minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above no later than August 2, 1995. Because of the difficulty in scheduling hearing dates it is not anticipated that an extension of this filing date will be granted.

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 filing date will be the date the corrections to the deficiencies 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

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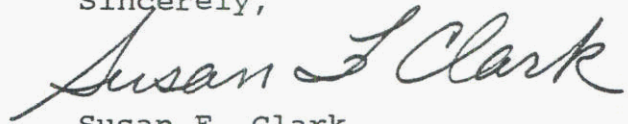
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application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, information not filed with the original application may not be considered. Lastly, 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,



Susan F. Clark
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