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## Public Service Commission

DATE: January 9, 1996  
TO: Parties of Record  
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting *BSB*

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RE: DOCKET NO. 920199-WS - Application for rate increase in Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc., Collier County by Marco Shores Utilities; Hernando County by Spring Hill Utilities; and Volusia County by Deltona Lakes Utilities.  
DOCKET NO. 930880-WS - Investigation into appropriate rate structure for Southern States for all regulated systems in Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Lee/Charlotte, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.  
DOCKET NO. 950495-WS - Application for rate increase and increase in service availability charges by Southern States for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

WAS \_\_\_\_\_ This is to inform you that Chairman Clark has reported the following communication  
OTH \_\_\_\_\_ in the above referenced dockets.

- Response to letter received from Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay dated December 21, 1995 and letter from Mr. Arend Sandbult, Chairman and CEO of Minnesota Power to the Governor.

This letter, a copy of which is attached, is being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record.

BSB/cp

Attachment

cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter

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# Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** January 5, 1996

**TO:** Blanca Bayó, Director of Records and Reporting

**FROM:** Susan F. Clark, Chairman *WFS for SFC*

**RE:** Letter in Response to Communication from Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay regarding Docket Nos. 920199-WS, 930880-WS and 950495-WS

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Please find attached a copy of my letter in response to a letter of December 21, 1995, from Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay. Because this letter responds to a communication from the Lieutenant Governor which addressed matters relevant to a pending proceeding, it is necessary to place this memorandum and attachment on the record of the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to section 350.042, Florida Statutes. Please give notice of this communication to all parties to the docket and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

Attachment

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Public Service Commission

January 5, 1996

The Honorable Buddy MacKay  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor MacKay:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1995, regarding Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSU).

As you pointed out in your letter, the Commission's ratemaking decisions are complicated and case-specific determinations. The Commission's decisions regarding SSU's rates have been arrived at after careful consideration of testimony and evidence presented in public hearings. At the present time, SSU has an application for rate increase pending before the Commission. Also, the Commission's decisions in three other pivotal cases involving SSU are either pending reconsideration by the Commission or are on appeal in the First District Court of Appeal.

Due to the fact that many cases involving SSU are pending before the Commission, I am unable to make any statements about the matters raised in Mr. Arend Sandbulte's letter to the Governor. However, I have instructed Mr. Rob Vandiver, the Commission's General Counsel, to work with your office to the extent necessary for you to understand this Agency's proceedings and its decisions affecting SSU. In fact, Mr. Vandiver met yesterday with Mr. Nels Roseland of your office and Mr. Nick Leslie of the Department of Commerce. Our staff will continue to be available to your office in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan F. Clark".

Susan F. Clark  
Chairman

c: Rob Vandiver