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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN A. KINTZ

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

3 | A. My name is John A. Kintz, 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida
4 | 32501-5794.

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

7 | A. I received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Penn State
8 | University in 1959. I served for twenty years in the U. S. Naval Civil
9 | Engineering Corp. Since retirement from the Navy, I have been employed by the
10 | Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). I am licensed as a
11 | Professional Engineer (PE) by the Florida Board of Professional Regulation.
12 | Since working for the FDEP, I have attended several schools, seminars,
13 | conferences and workshops in utility water engineering matters.

14 | Q. By whom are you presently employed?

15 | A. I am employed by FDEP.

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

17 | A. I am currently the Supervisor of the Drinking Water Section of the
18 | Northwest District of the FDEP. I have held this position for 11 years, since
19 | 1984. I have worked for the FDEP for a total of 15 years.

20 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the FDEP?

21 | A. I am responsible for compliance, enforcement and permitting for
22 | approximately 482 water systems in the Northwest District, which includes 16
23 | counties in Northwest Florida. I supervise four staff members in the
24 | Pensacola district, one staff member in Tallahassee and two employees in the
25 | Panama City office with regard to the technical aspects of water engineering.

1 One of the employees in the Panama City office devotes half time to the
2 drinking water section and half time to the wastewater section.

3 Q. Are you familiar with the Southern States Utilities Inc. water systems
4 located in the Northwest District?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Were these systems inspected by you, or by FDEP staff under your
7 supervision?

8 A. Yes.

9 Sunny Hills Water System

10 Q. Does the utility have a current construction permit from the Department
11 of Environmental Protection for the Sunny Hills Water System (Sunny Hills)?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system
14 sufficient to serve its present customers?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure
17 throughout the distribution system?

18 A. Yes.

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

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are the utility's water wells for Sunny Hills located in compliance with
23 Rule 62-555, Florida Administrative Code?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Rule 61E12-41,

1 Florida Administrative Code?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
4 accordance with Rule 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?
5 A. Yes, Sunny Hills has an established cross-connection control program.
6 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution
7 facilities satisfactory?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
10 maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Rule
13 62-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to
16 regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
19 equivalent throughout the distribution system?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other
22 provisions of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously
23 mentioned?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. Has Sunny Hills been the subject of any Department of Environmental

1 | Protection enforcement action within the past two years?
2 | A. No.
3 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?
4 | A. No, I do not.
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