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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION BY UNITED WATER  
FLORIDA, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF  
SERVICE AREA IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA**

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13       Q:   Please state your name and business address.

14       A:   My name is John Bishop.   My business address is P. O.

15            Box 3006, St. Augustine, Florida 32085-3006.

16       Q:   Did you prepare, or have prepared at your direction and

17            under your supervision, the testimony you are about to

18            give in this matter?

19       A:   Yes.

20       Q:   By whom are you employed?

21       A:   St. Johns County, Florida.

22       Q:   What is your position with St. Johns County.

23       A:   I am the County Engineer for St. Johns County.

24       Q:   What are your responsibilities as the County Engineer

25            for St. Johns County?

26       A:   As County Engineer for St. Johns County since May 1996,

27            I supervise the design, plan preparation and

1           permitting of drainage and/or roadway related  
2           projects. My duties include assuring the timely  
3           execution of all activities relative to drainage  
4           and/or roadway assessment programs. I coordinate with  
5           all applicable local, state and federal agencies  
6           associated with drainage and/or roadway related  
7           improvement projects. Along with my other duties, I  
8           participate in the development of rules, regulations,  
9           ordinances, specifications, and procedures associated  
10          with land development and capital improvement  
11          , projects. My job responsibilities also include the  
12          performance of studies, data analysis, design and  
13          computations for permitting and construction of  
14          drainage and roadway related improvement projects.

15        Q: Please describe your previous experience and  
16          employment.

17        A: From December 1995 until May 1996, I was a Civil  
18          Engineer II with the Putnam County Public works  
19          Department. In that position, I was responsible for  
20          overseeing the planning, coordination and approval of  
21          engineering reports and designs, drawings and  
22          specifications for public works projects. I also  
23          managed ongoing construction projects. From November  
24          1994 through December 1995, I was the Vice President  
25          of Engineering for Copper, Mars, Nicely & Associates,

1 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. In that position, I  
2 coordinated all engineering design projects including  
3 site development and storm water management plans. I  
4 also supervised engineers, designers and draftsmen and  
5 provided construction management. From August 1993  
6 through November 1994, I was a civil engineer with the  
7 U.S. Army corps of Engineers. I was a Civil engineer  
8 II with the City of Charlotte from October 1990  
9 through August 1993. I was a field engineer for  
10 Crowder Construction from March 1990 to September  
11 , 1990. From December 1987 through March 1990, I was a  
12 Civil Engineer III with the City of Salisbury, North  
13 Carolina. I am a registered Professional Engineer in  
14 the states of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia  
15 and Florida.

16 Q: Please describe your educational background.

17 A: I received my Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in  
18 1987 from North Carolina State University.

19 Q: Do you have an exhibit attached to your testimony  
20 labeled JB-1 and can you identify it?

21 A: Yes, I do have an Exhibit JB-1 attached to my  
22 testimony. It is my resume.

23 Q: Are you familiar with United Water Florida, Inc.'s  
24 Application for Amendment of its Certificate at issue  
25 in this proceeding?

1 A: Yes. I have reviewed the application.

2 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony in this  
3 proceeding?

4 A: The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to  
5 provide information to the Florida Public Service  
6 Commission regarding St. Johns County's intentions to  
7 provide water and wastewater services to the territory  
8 requested by United Water Florida, Inc.'s application.  
9 St. Johns County objects to United Water Florida,  
10 Inc.'s application to amend its certificated territory  
11 to include additional territory in St. Johns County.

12 St. Johns County owns and operates a potable  
13 water treatment and distribution system and wastewater  
14 treatment and collection facilities currently serving  
15 approximately 35,000 customers. St. Johns County's  
16 water treatment plants are permitted to provide in  
17 excess of 7.0 MGD and its wastewater treatment plants  
18 are permitted to treat approximately 5.0 MGD. St.  
19 Johns County objects to United Water Florida's  
20 application because St. Johns County currently serves  
21 customers along the US-1 North corridor and has been  
22 requested by several customers to provide service to  
23 the corner of US-1 North and CR-210, the area which  
24 United Water Florida, Inc. has included in this  
25 application. The developer of the Walden Chase

1 subdivision has requested service from St. Johns  
2 County for his 600 unit approved Planned Unit  
3 Development (PUD) located at the corner of US-1 North  
4 and CR-210.

5 The intersection of US-1 North and CR-210 is  
6 described as a Future County Service Area in the 1994  
7 County Master Utility Plan and the County has included  
8 this area in its overall water and wastewater  
9 development plans. The County is authorized and  
10 desires to provide water and wastewater services to  
11 the US-1 North and CR-210 intersection and surrounding  
12 area. The County has the technical and financial  
13 resources to provide environmentally benign and  
14 economically efficient water and wastewater services  
15 to the proposed Walden Chase development and  
16 surrounding area.

17 Q: Does United Water Florida, Inc. have the technical and  
18 financial capabilities to provide water and wastewater  
19 services to the area requested in this application?

20 A: No. Because it will be necessary for United Water  
21 Florida, Inc. to make extensive investment in  
22 extending its facilities to the customers in the  
23 requested territory, United Water Florida, Inc. does  
24 not have the technical and financial capability  
25 necessary to provide the most cost-effective water and

1           wastewater services for the requested area. The  
2           significant investment required will negatively impact  
3           United Water Florida's current and potential customers  
4           by making it necessary for United Water Florida to  
5           increase its rates.

6           Q: Do you concur in and support the testimony provided by  
7           St. Johns County Witness Herb Van der Mark in this  
8           proceeding?

9           A: Yes.

10          Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

11          A: Yes.

**JOHN DAVID BISHOP, P.E.**

P.O. Box 857  
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Born: March 2, 1958

**Experience:**

May 1996      **St Johns County Engineering Operations Department**  
                  **St. Augustine, Florida**  
to Present     **County Engineer**

Supervise the design, plans preparation and permitting activities of drainage and / or roadway related projects. Supervise the timely execution of all activities relative to drainage and/or roadway assessment programs. Coordinate with all applicable local, state and federal agencies associated with drainage and/or roadway related improvement projects. Provide specific input in association with other staff members to review, develop and update existing rules, regulations, ordinances, specifications and procedures associated with land development and Capital Improvement Projects. Respond and communicate with the general public to identify and resolve roadway related problems. Perform studies, data analysis, design and computations for permitting and construction of drainage and roadway related improvement projects. Attend public hearings, meetings and pre-construction conferences concerning Public Works Capital Improvement Projects.

Dec. 1995      **Putnam County Public Works Department**                      **Palatka, Florida**  
to May 1996   **Civil Engineer II**

Oversee the planning, coordinating and/or approving the work of personnel engaged in the preparation of engineering reports, the preparation and the implementation of designs, drawings and/or specifications for Public Works projects and manage ongoing construction projects.

Nov. 1994      **Copper, Mars, Nicely & Associates**                      **Harrisonburg, Virginia**  
to Dec 1996   **Vice President of Engineering**

Coordinate and Oversee all engineering design projects including site development and storm water management plans, supervise designers and draftsman, client contact and provide construction management. Supervised three engineers, three technicians and one administrative assistant.



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- Aug. 1993 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina  
to Nov. 1994 **Civil Engineer**  
Inspect, coordinate and administer military construction projects;  
Construction includes mechanical, electrical, structural and landscaping  
components of new facilities. Review of buildings, roadways, utilities and site  
development. Contract administration includes shop drawing reviews and pay  
estimates.
- Oct. 1990 City of Charlotte Charlotte, N.C.  
to Aug. 1993 **Civil Engineer II**  
Review city and state roadway plans for possible utility conflicts and oversee  
redesign of utility lines for construction; work with consultants on complex  
water and sewer projects; work as project manager and CMUD representative on  
design/construction projects. Supervised two technicians.
- Mar. 1990 Crowder Construction Charlotte, N.C.  
to Sep. 1990 **Field Engineer**  
Perform field layout of structures and pipe lines for water treatment plants,  
bridges, culverts, ect. Project management of construction activities.
- Dec. 1987 City of Salisbury Salisbury, N.C.  
to Mar. 1990 **Civil Engineer III**  
Survey, draft, inspect, design municipal projects including water, sewer, storm  
drainage lines, roads and structures, Performed feasibility studies, deed research,  
ect. Supervised two Technicians.
- May. 1986 Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King Kannapolis, N.C.  
to Sep. 1986 **Civil Engineering Inspector**  
Performed field inspection of water and sewer line construction.
- May. 1985 N.C.D.O.T. Raleigh, N.C.  
to Sep. 1985 **Civil Engineering Assistant**  
Assisted in field layout of major roadway construction.

**Education:**

- 1981-1982 Santa Fe C.C.  
1984-1987 N.C. State University  
**B.S. Civil Engineering**  
1989 Engineer-In-Training (E.I.T.)  
1992 Professional Engineer (P.E.) N.C.  
1995 Registered P.E. Virginia, W. Virginia  
1996 **Registered P.E. Florida**

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