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May 29, 2001

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Re: Docket No. 010492-WS - Application for Rate Increase in Orange County by Zellwood Station Co-Op, Inc. - Test Year Approval

Dear Mr. Cloud:

We have received your letter dated May 8, 2001, requesting approval for Zellwood Station Co-Op, Inc. (Zellwood) to use an historical test year ended December 31, 2001. You have stated that the utility will not file its application using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) provision in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes. Further, staff has also confirmed by telephone that the utility will not be requesting interim rates. The utility's 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 (MFRs) since the utility has not elected to request the PAA process.

For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 010492-WS has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will be deemed filed on the date that the Division of Records and Reporting receives the complete petition, revised tariff sheets, the MFRs, testimony (if not requesting PAA), and the filing fee. To minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above no later than August 31, 2001. 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 on the date that all of the required data is completely filed. If not complete, the official filing date will be the date the complete corrections to the deficiencies are filed. The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, there is a possibility that ∞ information not filed with the original application will not be considered. Lastly, the utility should be prepared to justify all increased operation and maintenance expenses, particularly those in excess

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of customer growth and inflation for the five years preceding the requested historic test year.

Sincerely,

E. Leon Jacobs, Jr.

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