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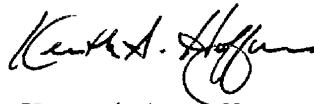
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") are the original and fifteen copies of a Motion for Continuance.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Hoffman

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into ratemaking)
considerations of gain on sale from sale)
of facilities of Florida Water Services)
Corporation to Orange County.)
_____)

Docket No. 980744-WS

Filed: April 24, 2003

**FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION'S
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") by and through its undersigned counsel, moves for a continuance of the prehearing conference and final hearing scheduled in this docket. In support of this Motion, Florida Water states as follows:

1. On November 15, 2002, Florida Water and OPC jointly moved for a continuance of the prehearing conference and final hearing then scheduled in this docket. At the time the Joint Motion for Continuance was requested and granted, Florida Water had entered into an agreement to sell its Florida water and wastewater assets to the Florida Water Services Authority, the subject of a Commission investigation in Docket No. 021066-WS. Florida Water and OPC requested a continuance of "at least six months with the understanding that Florida Water and/or OPC may seek an additional continuance depending on the status of the sale at that time."¹ A continuance was granted based on the representation of the parties "that the Commission should not unnecessarily expend time and resources on this matter, including a potential appeal, in light of the sale and pending the outcome of the Commission investigation in Docket No. 021066-WS."²

¹See Joint Motion for Continuance filed November 15, 2002 in Docket No. 980744-WS, at 2.

²Order No. PSC-02-1696-PCO-WS, at 1.

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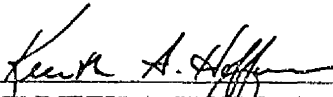
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2. Although Florida Water has terminated its agreement with the Florida Water Services Authority, Florida Water remains committed to completing the sale of its Florida water and wastewater assets. Consistent with their prior Joint Motion for a Continuance, Florida Water and OPC continue to believe that the Commission will save time and resources by continuing the hearing currently scheduled for August 7, 2003 in this proceeding pending the outcome of Florida Water's efforts to sell its assets as described herein.

3. Counsel for Florida Water has conferred with counsel for OPC and is authorized to represent that OPC has reviewed this Motion and does not object to or oppose the continuance requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Florida Water requests the Prehearing Officer to continue the prehearing conference and final hearing for at least six months with the understanding that Florida Water and/or OPC may seek an additional continuance depending on the status of the sale at that time.

Respectfully submitted,



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