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May 7, 2003

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Request for Qualified Representative Status for Valerie L. Lord Our File No. 30057.40

Dear Ms. Bayo:

AUS CAF CMP COM Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Valerie L. Lord to be filed in the following dockets in connection with Utilities, Inc.'s letter relating to its Request for Qualified Representative Status for Ms. Lord:

<u>Company Name</u>: Utilities, Inc. of Florida Cypress Lake Utilities, Inc. Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven Alafaya Utilities, Inc. Lake Utility Services, Inc. Docket Number: 020071-WS 020407-WS 020409-WS 020408-WS 020907-WS

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to give me call

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VALERIE L. LORD Of Counsel

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AFFIDAVIT OF VALERIE L. LORD

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Valerie L. Lord, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did

depose on oath and say the following:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law and in good standing in the State of Texas. Attached to this Affidavit is a certificate of good standing issued by the State Bar of Texas.
- 2. I was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in May 1984 and have practiced law continuously since that time.
- 3. I have been actively involved with the handling of various legal matters on behalf of various water and wastewater utilities in a number of jurisdictions, and in the regulatory environment generally, since June, 2001. Since November, 2002, I have been involved in the representation of Utilities, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including the rate cases currently pending before the Florida Public Service Commission, and have a good understanding of the factual and legal issues involved in the proceedings. I also have a good working knowledge of the laws and rules relating to practice before the Commission, including jurisdiction, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and the Florida Rules of Evidence.
- 4. I have read Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code, and understand the Standards of Good Conduct for Qualified Representatives and how they apply to the matters for which I will be appearing on behalf of my clients.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGH VALERIE L. LORD Sworn to and subscribed before me this / day of May, 2003, by Valerie L. Lord, who is personally known to me. Martin S. Friedman MY COMMISSION # CC928326 EXPI Print Name August 16, 2004 AUGUST 10, 2005 BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: DOCUMENT NUMPER-DATE 04182 MAY-98

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