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Re:

Docket No.: 020907-WS; Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s Application for Extension of Water and Wastewater Service in Lake County, Florida
Our File No. 30057.49

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket the original and seven (7) copies of Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s Motion to Strike Portions of the City of Clermont's Prehearing Statement and Deny Request by City to Introduce Testimony and Exhibits at Hearing.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of Lake Utility Services, Inc. for extension of water and wastewater service in Lake County, Florida Docket No. 020907-WS

MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF CITY OF CLERMONT'S PREHEARING STATEMENT AND DENY REQUEST BY CITY TO INTRODUCE TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS AT HEARING

Lake Utility Services, Inc. (*Applicant*), through its attorney, request that the Florida Public Service Commission (*Commission*) strike portions of the Prehearing Statement of the City of Clermont (*City*) and deny any request by the City to introduce any testimony and exhibits at the hearing of this matter for the reasons set forth below:

- 1. The Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-03-00990-PSC-WS, dated January 15, 2003, as revised by Order No. PSC-03-0279-PSC-WS, dated February 28, 2003, and Order No. PSC-03-0720-PCO-WS, dated June 17, 2003 (*Order*), required the City and other intervenors in this matter, to file prefiled testimony and exhibits on or before July 18, 2003.
- 2. The City failed to file any prefiled testimony or designate any exhibits on or before the date established by this Commission and has not requested an extension of time to do so.
- 3. The City filed its Pre-hearing Statement on or about August 4, 2003, enumerating, among other matters, nine witnesses and seven exhibits it intends to use at the hearing on this matter.
- 4. The Order provided that "Failure of a party to timely prefile exhibits and testimony from any witness in accordance with the foregoing requirements may bar admission of such exhibits and testimony".

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5. The introduction of any testimony and exhibits at the hearing by the City will prejudice the

Commission Staff, the Applicant, and the other intervenors, in that they will not have had sufficient

time to evaluate the basis for the positions of the City and prepare a defense to them. Further, the

Applicant and the Commission Staff have complied with the Order and filed prefiled testimony. As

a result of their compliance with the lawful Order of this Commission, they have made their

positions on the issues known and identified the exhibits they intend to rely on at the hearing. The

admission of any evidence by the City will cause substantial unfairness and surprise to the parties

because, by failing to identify its witnesses and the exhibits it intends to rely on at the hearing, the

City will have an unfair advantage over the Commission Staff and the Applicant.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant, Lake Utility Services, Inc., requests that this Commission

strike those portions of the City's Prehearing Statement identifying testimony and exhibits on which

it intends to rely at the hearing of this matter and further to deny any request by the City to introduce

any testimony and exhibits at the hearing of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 020907-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Lake Utility Services, Inc.

Motion to Strike Portions of the Prehearing Statement of the City of Clermont and Deny Request by

City to Introduce Testimony and Exhibits at Hearing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the

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