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Re: In re: Petition by Florida Water Services Corporation (FWSC) for determination of exclusive jurisdiction over FWSC's water and wastewater land and facilities in Hernando County, and application for certificate of authority of authorization for existing utility currently charging for service.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") is an original and five copies of Florida Water's Notice of Dismissal of Petition and Withdrawal of Application in Docket No. 020554-WS.

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

Sincerely,

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

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#### **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Docket No. 020554-WS

Filed: November 21, 2003

### NOTICE OF DISMISSAL OF PETITION AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files its Notice of Dismissal of the Petition of Florida Water Services Corporation for Determination of Exclusive Commission Jurisdiction over Florida Water's Land and Facilities in Hernando County, and Application for Original Certificates of Authorization for an Existing Utility Currently Charging for Service (the "Petition") and states:

1. Florida Water filed its Petition in this docket on June 21, 2002, seeking a determination that the Commission exercise exclusive regulatory jurisdiction over Florida Water's utility assets in Hernando County and seeking issuance of an original certificate by the Commission. In response to Florida Water's Petition, Hernando County filed a notice of protest on July 25, 2002, and requested a formal administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Pasco County also filed a notice of protest and request for hearing. The matter is currently scheduled for hearing on April 7-9, 2004.

2. On November 7, 2003, the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Hernando County, Florida, entered a judgment in Case No. H-27-CA-2003-00703-DM and Case No. H-27-CA-2003-0084-DM approving Hernando County's efforts to acquire Florida Water's utility

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assets in Hernando County through the power of eminent domain. Consequently, Hernando County has acquired title to all of Florida Water's land and facilities in Hernando County and the Petition filed in this docket and the request for issuance of an original certificate are moot.

WHEREFORE, Florida Water respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order closing this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Florida Water Services Corporation's Motion for Continuance was furnished by United States Mail to the following this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2003:

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