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Re: Docket Nos. 020896-WS and 010503-WU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets are the original and 15 copies of Citizens' Response to Aloha's "Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-04-0929-PCO-WS or, in the Alternative, Motion for Bifurcation".

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by customers of Aloha Utilities,) Inc. for deletion of portion of territory in Seven) Springs area in Pasco County) -----) In re: Application for Increase in Water Rates) for Seven Springs System in Pasco County) by Aloha Utilities, Inc.) -----)	Docket no. 020896-WS Docket no. 010503-WU Date filed: October 8, 2004
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**CITIZENS' RESPONSE TO ALOHA'S "MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF ORDER NO. PSC-04-0929-PCO-WS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
MOTION FOR BIFURCATION"**

Florida's Citizens ("Citizens") file this response supporting the result sought by the "Motion for Reconsideration of Order PSC-04-0929-PCO-WS, or, in the Alternative, Motion for Bifurcation" filed by Aloha Utilities, Inc. ("Aloha") on October 4, 2004, and state the following:

1. By order no. PSC-04-0929-PCO-WS issued September 22, 2004, the Prehearing Officer consolidated docket nos. 010503-WU and 020896-WS for purposes of hearing on the deletion petitions in docket no. 020896-WS and on the protest of proposed agency action order PSC-04-0712-PAA-WS in docket no. 010503-WU.
2. On October 4, 2004, Aloha filed its motion seeking a separate procedural schedule and hearing for the protest of proposed agency action order PSC-04-0712-WS. Citizens agree with the result sought by Aloha.

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3. The protest of proposed agency action order PSC-04-0712-WS seeks to establish standards related to the maximum amount of sulfide Aloha should allow in the water delivered to customers, as well as the testing that should be done to insure compliance with the standards. A decision on these issues before Aloha changes its treatment processes is vitally important so that Aloha will know the standards it must meet and so that Aloha will not improvidently expend funds on processes which fail to provide the quality of water customers have been seeking for years.

4. Accordingly, Citizens request the Prehearing Officer to schedule a hearing on the protest of proposed agency action order PSC-04-0712-WS at the earliest practicable time.

Respectfully submitted,



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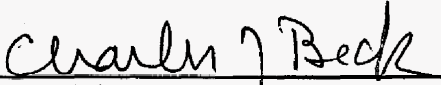
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**DOCKET NOS. 001503-TP and 020896-WU
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S.

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