BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition for approval of stipulation on procedure with Office Public Counsel, and application for limited proceeding increase in water rates in Pasco County, by Aloha Utilities, Inc.

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Docket No. 060122-WU

Filed: March 24, 2008

PETITION ON PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Citizens of the State of Florida ("Citizens") by and through their undersigned attorney, pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-22.029 and 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, file this objection to the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Order No. PSC-08-0137-PAA-WU ("Order"), issued March 3, 2008, and state:

1. The name and address of the agency affected and the agency's file number:

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2. The Citizens include customers of Aloha Utilities, Inc. ("Aloha", "Utility", or "Company") whose substantial interests will be affected by the Order because the Order authorizes the Utility to increase the rates and charges it imposes upon its customers.

- 3. Pursuant to Section 350.0611, Florida Statutes, the Citizens' who file this petition are represented by the Office of Public Counsel ("Citizens", "Petitioner" or "OPC") with the following address and telephone number: Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 West Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400. Telephone No. (850) 488-9330.
- 4. The Citizens received a copy of the Order by inter-office courier on March 4, 2008.
- 5. At this time the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts which the Citizens contend warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action are as follows:
 - a. The rate per thousand gallons of water purchased from Pasco County is overstated and should be reduced.
- 6. The foregoing matter involves disputed issues of material fact.
- 7. Order No. PSC-08-0137-PAA-WU establishes March 24, 2008, as the date by which protests must be filed.
- 8. Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, is a specific statute the Citizens contend requires reversal of the agency's proposed action.

9. The Citizens seek the Commission to take the following action with respect to the agency's proposed action.

a. Reduce the revenue requirement and resulting rates after reducing the rate per thousand gallons to be charged by Pasco County to \$3.43.

WHEREFORE, the Citizens hereby protest and object to Commission Order No. PSC-09-0137-PAA-WU as provided above, and petitions the Commission to conduct a formal evidentiary hearing, under the provisions of Section 120.57 (1), Florida Statutes, and further petitions that such hearing be scheduled at a convenient time within or as close as practical to the Utility's certificated service area.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DOCKET NO. 060122-WU

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Service of Citizens' Petition on Proposed Agency Action has been furnished by U. S. Mail and electronic mail to the following parties on this 24th day of March, 2008.

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