## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for a limited proceeding increase in water rates in Pasco County by Aloha Utilities, Inc.	Docket No. 060122-WU
Aloha Utilities, Inc. pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0270-AS-WU	Filed: August 19, 2008

## FGUA'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ABATEMENT

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Request for Extension of Abatement, and states and alleges as follows:

- 1. On April 30, 2008, this Commission issued its Order Establishing Abatement in these dockets (Order No. PSC-08-0267-PCO-WS) pursuant to request of the FGUA.
- 2. The FGUA appreciates this Commission's approval of the FGUA's prior request and FGUA respectfully requests that the abatement established by Order No. 08-0267-PCO-WS be extended for an additional period of 45 days from the Commission's Order granting this Motion.

- 3. The Commission's Order granted a 120-day abatement period to facilitate ongoing negotiations between FGUA and Aloha. Since the abatement, the parties have been in frequent communication, have met or discussed the potential acquisition of Aloha by FGUA at least weekly, and have continued to negotiate in good faith, with due diligence, and all reasonable efforts.
- 4. From the perspective of FGUA the logistics of this proceeding (given the size, vagaries, and posture of Aloha's water and wastewater systems, the particularities of the current bond market, and the reasonable need of both parties to negotiate and resolve, if possible, all of the issues which normally arise in such a transaction) makes necessary this request for an extension of the abatement period by another 45 days from the date of the Commission's order granting this request. All of the reasons upon which the FGUA initially requested abatement, and upon which Order No. PSC-08-0267-PCO-WS were founded, still exist and apply to the ongoing negotiations just as they did to the prospective negotiations at the time the Order was issued.
- 5. The FGUA represents that the parties are close to an agreement, the parties remain optimistic that a transaction upon mutually agreeable terms is achievable, and that an extension of the abatement period will facilitate that possibility.

6. FGUA has conferred with counsel for the customers (the Office of Public Counsel), who represents that the Public Counsel supports this request for an extension of the existing abatement period. Counsel for Aloha notified FGUA that Aloha does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, and in consideration of the above, FGUA respectfully requests that the abatement put into place by Order No. PSC-08-0267-PCO-WS be extended until and including 45 days from the date of the Commission's Order granting this request.

Respectfully submitted this 19 day of August, 2008, by

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic and U.S. Mail to the following this day of August,

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