

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM DARLING
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

FILED ON BEHALF OF
THE STAFF OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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SYSTEMS: EAST LAKE HARRIS ESTATES, KINGSWOOD, MORNINGVIEW,
OAKWOOD, PALISADES, PALMS MOBILE HOME PARK, STONE MOUNTAIN,
SUNSHINE PARKWAY, VENETIAN VILLAGE, AND WESTERN SHORES WATER

COUNTIES: LAKE AND BREVARD

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SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM DARLING

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2 | Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 | A. My name is William E. Darling. My address is 3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite
4 | 232, Orlando, Florida 32803.

5 | Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and
6 | experience.

7 | A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Stetson in 1958. I
8 | have sixteen years experience with county and state environmental regulatory
9 | agencies.

10 | Q. By whom are you presently employed?

11 | A. I am employed by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation
12 | (FDER).

13 | Q. How long have you been employed with the FDER and in what capacity?

14 | A. I have been employed by the FDER for 12 1/2 years: eight years in
15 | enforcement, 3 years in domestic waste, and 1 1/2 years in the potable water
16 | section.

17 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the FDER?

18 | A. My responsibilities include but are not limited to supervising the
19 | potable water monitoring and reporting section, enforcing federal and state
20 | drinking water rules, and inspecting drinking water systems.

21 | Q. Are you familiar with Southern States Utilities, Inc.'s (SSU) East Lake
22 | Harris Estates, Western Shores, Venetian Village, Morningview, Sunshine Park
23 | Way, Palisades, Palms Mobile Home Park, and Stone Mountain water systems in
24 | Lake County?

25 | A. Yes.

1 | Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system
2 | sufficient to serve its present customers?
3 | A. Yes.
4 | Q. Does the utility maintain the 20 psi minimum pressure throughout the
5 | distribution system as required by Section 17-555.350, Florida Administrative
6 | Code?
7 | A. Yes.
8 | Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event
9 | of a power outage for these systems?
10 | A. Yes.
11 | Q. Are the utility's water wells in a location which complies Section 17-
12 | 555.312, Florida Administrative Code?
13 | A. Yes.
14 | Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 17-602,
15 | Florida Administrative Code?
16 | A. Yes.
17 | Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in
18 | accordance with Section 17-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?
19 | A. Yes.
20 | Q. Is the overall maintenance of these treatment plants and distribution
21 | facilities satisfactory?
22 | A. Yes.
23 | Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal
24 | maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?
25 | A. Yes.

1 | Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section 17-
2 | 550.410, Florida Administrative Code?
3 | A. Yes.
4 | Q. Do recent chemical analyst of raw and finished water, when compared to
5 | regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?
6 | A. No.
7 | Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its
8 | equivalent throughout the distribution system?
9 | A. Yes.
10 | Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other
11 | provisions of Chapter 17, Florida Administrative Code, not previously
12 | mentioned?
13 | A. Yes.
14 | Q. Does SSU resell water from Brevard County for the Kingswood and Oakwood
15 | systems?
16 | A. Yes.
17 | Q. Is the distribution system sufficient to serve the present customers?
18 | A. Yes.
19 | Q. Does SSU meet all applicable requirement of Ch. 17 of the Florida
20 | Administrative Code for these two systems?
21 | A. Yes.
22 | Q. Have any of these systems been the subject of any Department of
23 | Environmental Regulation enforcement action within the past two years?
24 | A. No.
25 | Q. Do you have anything further to add?

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