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COUNTY: WASHINGTON

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

3 | A. John H. Pope, Department of Environmental Regulation, 160 Governmental  
4 | Center, Pensacola, FL 32501.

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

7 | A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science in 1978  
8 | from the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida. I have 15 years  
9 | environmental experience.

10 | Q. By whom are you presently employed?

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

13 | Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental  
14 | Regulation and in what capacity?

15 | A. I have been employed by DER for seven years as an Environmental  
16 | Specialist.

17 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of  
18 | Environmental Regulation?

19 | A. My responsibilities include compliance and enforcement for public water  
20 | systems.

21 | Q. Are you familiar with Southern States Utilities, Inc.'s Water System in  
22 | Washington County, particularly the Sunny Hills System?

23 | A. Yes.

24 | Q. Does the utility have a current construction permit from the Department  
25 | of Environmental Regulation?

1 A. Currently there are no open water construction permits.

2 Q. Please state the issuance date and the expiration date of the operation  
3 or construction permit.

4 A. The system was in existence at the inspection of the Department.  
5 Therefore, we did not issue an original construction permit for this system.  
6 DER does not issue operating permits for potable water systems.

7 Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution system  
8 sufficient to serve its present customers?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Does the utility maintain the 20 psi minimum pressure throughout the  
11 distribution system as required by Section 17-555.350, Florida Administrative  
12 Code?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Does the utility have an adequate auxiliary power source in the event  
15 of a power outage?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are the utility's water wells in a location that complies with Section  
18 17-555.312, Florida Administrative Code?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 17-602,  
21 Florida Administrative Code?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in  
24 accordance with Section 17-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution  
2 facilities satisfactory?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Does the water produced by the utility meet the State and Federal  
5 maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water quality standards?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section  
8 17-550.410, Florida Administrative Code?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to  
11 regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its  
14 equivalent throughout the distribution system?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other  
17 provisions of Chapter 17 Florida Administrative Code, not previously  
18 mentioned?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Has the Sunny Hills System of Southern States Utilities, Inc. been the  
21 subject of any Department of Environmental Regulation enforcement action  
22 within the past two years?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you have anything further to add?

25 A. No, I do not.