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RESOLUTION NO. 93-81

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is the agency under the provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, responsible for establishing and regulating rates to be charged by water and sewer utilities to their customers for water and sewer utility services; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission has recently conducted a rate case involving Southern States Utility (SSU), which said Utility provides utility services to approximately 26,500 residents of Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, the PSC's rate case involving SSU also resulted in a bulk sewer rate increase to Hernando County Water and Sewer District which said bulk rate increase effectively increases the utility rates charged by Hernando County to approximately 2,400 Hernando County residents who are customers of Hernando's utility; and

WHEREAS, the PSC rate increase would impact, in total, approximately 28,900 residents of Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of the County of Florida and pursuant to the Florida Constitution and the provisions of Chapter 125, Florida Statutes and as such has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, issues have been raised by the Florida Attorney General's Office, the Public Council's Office, and other authorities concerning the appropriateness, propriety, and efficacy of the PSC action; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County is desirous of joining in the actions of the Florida Attorney General's Office and other authorities to express the County's concerns and opposition to the PSC rate increase actions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Hernando County, on behalf of its residents, citizens and utility customers, hereby expresses its opposition to the actions and determinations of the PSC in granting a utility rate increase to SSU.

SECTION 2. Hernando County both supports and joins the Attorney General, the Public Council and other authorities in challenging the appropriateness, propriety and efficacy of the PSC actions and determinations including:

- a) The efficacy of the PSC's action based on two (2) affirmative votes of a quorum of the PSC as opposed to a majority of the PSC;
- b) The propriety of the PSC's staff participating in the rate case while contemplating employment by SSU;
- c) The appropriateness of consolidating SSU's statewide utility for rate making purposes in lieu of a County to County determination as envisioned by the Water and Sewer Regulatory Law.

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SECTION 3. Hernando County, through its County Administrator and County Attorney and other agents, is hereby authorized to challenge the PSC action, either through independent action or by joining with the Attorney General, Public Council or other authority.

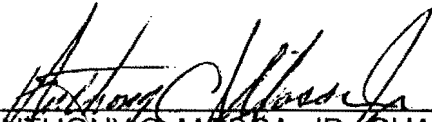
SECTION 4. Hernando County hereby requests the Attorney General, the Public Council, the Governor, the Legislature and all other agencies of the State of Florida to conduct appropriate inquiries and to take appropriate actions to challenge the PSC rate action and to evaluate appropriate curative measures to preclude the irregularities of PSC herein enumerated.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 6th day of July, 1993, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY

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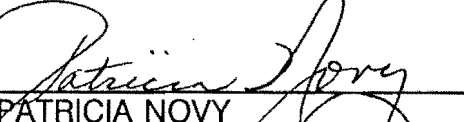

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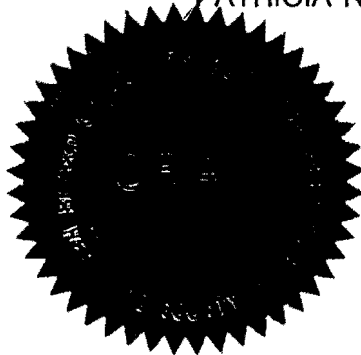

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