

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Application by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for rate increase and increase in service availability charges for Osceola Utilities, Inc., in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

Docket No. 950495-WS Filed: October 30, 1995

SSU'S ANSWER TO HERNANDO COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC., ("SSU") by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 25-22.037(1), Florida Administrative Code, hereby files this Answer to the Petition of Hernando County Water & Sewer District for Leave to Intervene (the "Petition") served by Hernando County Water & Sewer District Hernando County (the "District") on September 26, 1995. In support of this Answer, SSU states as follows:

1. The Commission should find the District's Petition moot, since the Commission voted on October 13, 1995, to exclude SSU's water and wastewater operations in Polk, Hillsborough, and Hernando Counties ("the Additional Counties") from the instant rate proceeding. As a result of said vote, the District no longer has a substantially affected interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

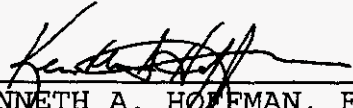
2. In the event the Commission does not consider the District's Petition moot, SSU admits that the District is an SSU

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customer, but SSU otherwise denies the allegations in the Petition.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, Southern States Utilities, Inc. requests that the Commission deny the Hernando County Water & Sewer District's Petition for Leave to Intervene as moot.

Respectfully submitted,



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