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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: Application for rate)
increase and increase in service)
availability charges for Orange-)
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-W5

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, CITRUS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its undersigned attorney, and files this Petition for Leave to Intervene pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, and states:

1. CITRUS COUNTY is a political subdivision of the State of Florida whose governing body is the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida.

2. Southern States Utilities, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Southern", has filed an application for increased water and wastewater rates and availability charges in Citrus County, Florida.

3. CITRUS COUNTY, through its Board of County Commissioners, is the governing board of the unincorporated areas of Citrus County, and is entitled to participate in these proceedings for the reason that substantial interests of a great many of its citizens will be affected by the outcome of the proceeding and final decision of the Public Service Commission.

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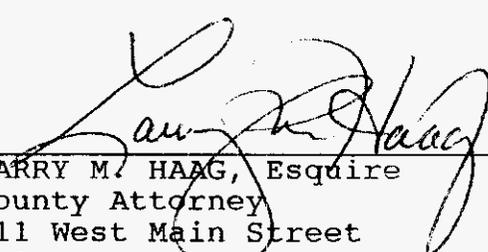
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4. CITRUS COUNTY is in fact a customer of Southern and will be directly impacted by the ultimate decision of the Public Service Commission with respect to their application for a rate increase.

5. CITRUS COUNTY is entitled to be a party to these proceedings by virtue of Rule 25-22, Florida Administrative Code.

6. CITRUS COUNTY has previously been allowed to intervene in Docket No. 920199-WS in order to protect its substantial interests and the substantial interest of its citizens.

WHEREFORE, CITRUS COUNTY respectfully requests that the Petition for Leave to Intervene be granted.

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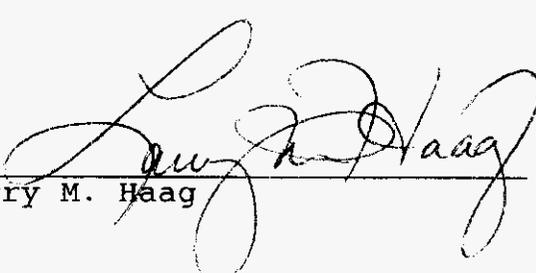
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following by United States Mail this 14th day of February, 1996.

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