

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, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

DOCKET NO.: 950495-WS
Filed: March 11, 1996

AMENDED
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 Amended 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.

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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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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.

7. CITRUS COUNTY does hereby attach as Exhibit "A" a certified copy of Board Resolution No. 96-030 authorizing the County Attorney's Office to intervene in this Docket as required by Section 120.52(12)(d), Florida Statutes.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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EXHIBIT "A"

RESOLUTION NO. 96-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO INTERVENE IN DOCKET NO. 950495-WS CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, there is currently pending before the Florida Public Service Commission Docket Number 950495-WS wherein Southern States Utilities, Inc. has applied for a rate increase and an increase in service availability charges for certain utilities which it owns located within the boundaries of Citrus County, Florida, as well as other counties throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, Southern States Utilities, Inc. owns twelve different water systems within the unincorporated area of Citrus County and six wastewater systems which are the subject of the above described application for rate increase, and

WHEREAS, said utilities serve thousands of Citrus County residents and will dramatically impact the substantial interest of said citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized the County Attorney to intervene and in fact has intervened in previous rate cases before the Public Service Commission, in particular Docket No. 920199-WS, and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously authorized the County Attorney to intervene in Docket Number 950495-WS, however, wishes at this time to adopt a Resolution evidencing its intent to allow the County Attorney to intervene in order to represent the substantial interest of residents of Citrus County served by Southern States Utilities, and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Ordinance No. 96-02 authorizing the County Attorney to intervene in cases which affect the substantial interest of residents of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, in regular session this 5th day of March, 1996, as follows:

1. The County Attorney's Office is hereby authorized to intervene in Docket Number 950495-WS on behalf of the substantial

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BETTY STRIFLER
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY *Jeanne B. Thibault* D.C.

THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 1996

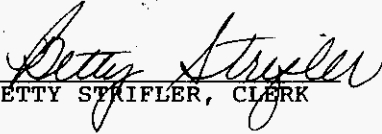
interest of residents of Citrus County who are serviced by Southern States Utilities, Inc. and who will be impacted by the above referenced application currently pending before the Public Service Commission.

2. The above authorization shall also apply to any special counsel hired by the Board to assist the County Attorney's Office in said representation.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

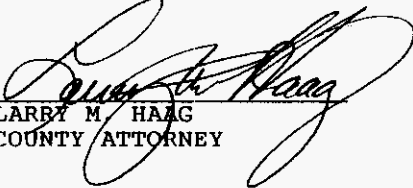
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA


BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BY: 
BRAD THORPE, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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LARRY M. HAAG
COUNTY ATTORNEY