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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for amendment)
of Certificate Nos. 340-W and)
297-S in Pasco County by Mad)
Hatter Utility, Inc.)

DOCKET NO. 960576-WS

JOINT MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLING DATES

Mad Hatter Utility, Inc. ("Mad hatter") and Pasco County (the "County"), hereby file this Joint Motion For Modification Of Certain Controlling Dates and in support thereof would state and allege as follows:

1. This matter has two parties, Mad Hatter and the County. This case is currently set for hearing on May 13 and 14, 1997, with all discovery to be completed by May 6, 1997. The County and Mad Hatter hereby jointly move for the modification of certain Controlling Dates, as set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure of August 9, 1996, and submit that such modification is in the best interests of the parties and the Commission.

2. The current schedule of Controlling Dates contemplates that all testimony in this matter will be filed before January 9, 1997. That is approximately four months before the hearing in this matter and approximately four months before the discovery cut-off in this matter. The parties submit that amended Controlling Dates, as suggested herein, will allow a more orderly presentation of the evidence in this proceeding and will provide that the Prefiled Testimony will present the most recently available information which is probative of the issues in this proceeding such that the

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Commission will have the most recently available facts before it when this proceeding is adjudicated.

3. This Motion does not request an alteration of the hearing dates nor the discovery cut-off in this case. Rather, this Motion submits that the suggested modified Controlling Dates, as submitted below, are in harmony with such present hearing dates and discovery cut-off date. The present schedule contemplates a four month period between the final filing of all Prefiled Testimony in this docket and the discovery cut-off. Such a four month gap is not necessary in order to adequately adjudicate this proceeding.

4. The parties jointly submit that modification of the Controlling Dates as suggested herein will not prejudice either the parties, the Commission, the Commission staff, nor the public. Modification of said dates as suggested herein will allow the Prefiled Testimony to reflect information which is more current to the time such information will be presented in the form of sworn testimony than the current schedule contemplates. It is in the interest of the Commission and all parties concerned that the Prefiled Testimony reflect the most up-to-date information available concerning whether Mad Hatter's requested extension should be granted.

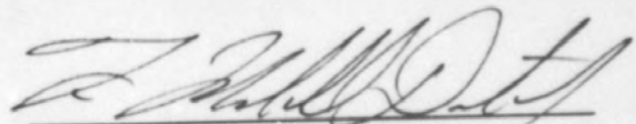
4. The parties respectfully suggest that the following Controlling Dates be established by order, amending those dates within the August 9, 1996 Order Establishing Procedure as set forth below:

	<u>Procedure Order Date</u>	<u>Suggested Date</u>
Utility's direct testimony and exhibits	Oct. 7, 1996	Feb. 18, 1997
Intervenors' direct testimony and exhibits	Nov. 7, 1996	Mar. 18, 1997
Staff's direct testimony and exhibits (if any)	Dec. 9, 1996	Apr. 8, 1997
Rebuttal testimony and exhibits	Jan. 9, 1997	Apr. 29, 1997

The parties jointly submit that the implementation of the Controlling Dates suggested above will facilitate the most cost-effective, expeditious, and efficient presentation of the issues and the discovery process in this case.

WHEREFORE, and in consideration of the above, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order establishing amended controlling dates as requested hereinabove.

DATED this 5th day of September, 1996.



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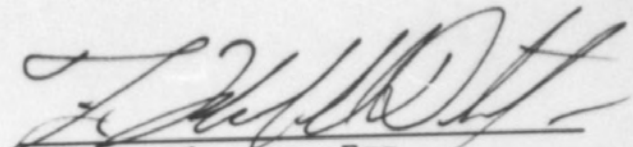
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