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December 2, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
Florida Public Service Commission
Director of Records & Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 920199-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket is an original and fifteen copies of a Surety Rider which increases the bond Southern States previously posted in the referenced docket from \$8 million to \$10 million.

Please acknowledge filing of this rider by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Feil, Esq. at (407) 880-0058, ext. 260.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Brian P. Armstrong

Brian P. Armstrong
General Counsel

dlh/F96L61

Enclosures

cc: All Parties

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SURETY RIDER

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
FIRST NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

To be attached to and form a part of

Type of Bond: Appeal Bond Docket No. 920199-WS

Bond No. 5723795

dated effective 12/14/96
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

executed by Southern States Utilities, Inc., as Principal,
(PRINCIPAL)

and by Safeco Insurance Company of America, as Surety,
(SURETY)

in favor of Florida Public Service Commission
(OBLIGEE)

In consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing

the bond penalty

From: Eight million and no/100 (\$8,000,000.00)

To: Ten million and no/100 (\$10,000,000.00)

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective 12/14/96
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 11/21/96
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

Southern States Utilities, Inc.

PRINCIPAL

By: _____

TITLE

Safeco Insurance Company of America

SURETY

By: *Lee McGriff, III*
Lee McGriff, III ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

No. 5904

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint **LEE MCGRIFF, III; R. E. DANIELS; ANITA W. ROSENAU; MIKE WOODS; JEFFERY L. JOHNSON; MARY JO LYONS; MARK W. EDWARDS, II; BETTY W. BOURQUE, Birmingham, Alabama*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 1st day of July, 1994

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS . . . the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business . . . On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out,

- (i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
(ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
(i) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,

the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, R. A. Pierson, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 21st day of November, 1996

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