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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: PSC Docket Nos. ~~960235~~-WS and 620283-WS, Application for approval of the transfer of assets and certificates Nos. 404-@ and 341-S from Econ Utilities Corporation to Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. in Orange County, Florida, and Application for e\Extension of Service Territory.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

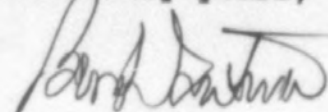
Enclosed for filing is the original and fifteen (15) copies of the following documents:

Wedgefield Utility's Motion to Dismiss or Strike OPC's Response in Opposition - ~~13056~~-96 12/06/96

Wedgefield Utility's Request for Oral Argument. - ~~13037~~-96 12/06/96

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Ben E. Girtman

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for Transfer)
of Certificate Nos. 404-@ and)
341-S in Orange County from Econ)
Utilities Corporation to)
Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.)

DOCKET NO. 960235-WS

In Re: Application for)
Amendment of Certificate Nos.)
404-W and 341-S in Orange County)
by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.)

DOCKET NO. 960283-WS

Submitted for Filing:
December 6, 1996

WEDGEFIELD UTILITY'S
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON
OPC'S PETITION FOR HEARING,
WEDGEFIELD'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR STRIKE OPC PETITION,
OPC'S RESPONSE TO WEDGEFIELD'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR STRIKE,
AND WEDGEFIELD'S
MOTION TO DISMISS OR STRIKE OPC'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION

COMES NOW Utilities, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary,
Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter collectively referred to
as "Wedgefield") and in support of its Request for Oral Argument
states:

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1. The essential question before the Commission is whether
to grant the petition for hearing filed by the Office of Public
Counsel seeking to revisit the Commission policy on acquisition
adjustments, or to dismiss or strike that petition for hearing.
Wedgefield believes that the matters sought to be raised, if
considered at all, must be considered in a generic proceeding, not
on a case-by-case basis.

2. Simultaneously herewith, Wedgefield has filed its Motion
to Dismiss or Strike OPC'S Response in Opposition.

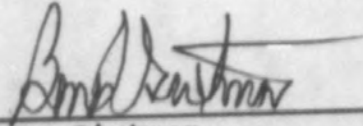
3. At best, OPC's latest pleading styled "Response in Opposition" merely re-argues matters which were considered and decided by the Public Service Commission after the Commission's investigation and extensive hearings in dockets before this Commission which originated in 1989 and resulted in a final of the Commission in 1993.

4. Furthermore, the current transfer docket is the wrong type of proceeding for OPC to raise these matters. They must be considered, if at all, in a generic docket with notice to all affected entities.

5. The need for administrative efficiency and economy require that the OPC request for hearing in this docket be denied. Before even considering the OPC request for hearing, the Commission should hear oral argument on why the petition for hearing is inappropriate to this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Wedgefield Utilities respectfully requests that oral argument be held before the full Commission on the OPC'S Petition for Hearing, Wedgefield's Motion to Dismiss or Strike OPC Petition, OPC'S Response to Wedgefield's Motion to Dismiss or Strike, and on Wedgefield's Motion to Dismiss or Strike OPC'S Response to Wedgefield's Motion to Dismiss or Strike.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 6th day of December, 1996.

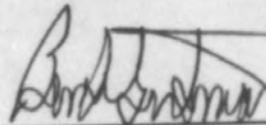


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and Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent to Charles Beck, Esq., Office of Public Counsel, 111 W. Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400; Mr. John Forrer, Econ Utilities, Inc., 1714 Hoban Rd. NW, Washington, D.C. 20007; and to Donna Cyrus-Williams Esq., Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, by U.S. Mail (or by hand delivery * or facsimile #) this 6th day of December 1996.



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