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Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0830

RE: Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc.
Our File No. GOLA-2
Docket No. ~~92142-04~~
Order No. PSC-96-0937-FCO-WB

Dear Sir:

On behalf of my client, GOLDEN OCALA UTILITIES, INC., I enclose an original and seven (7) copies of a Motion for Continuance of Hearing in the above referenced matter.

Very truly yours,



J. Stephen Gardner

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In Re: Application for
Certificate to provide Water and
Wastewater in Marion County by
Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc.**

) **DOCKET NO. 960546-WS**
) **ORDER NO. PSC-96-0937-PCO-WS**
) **ISSUED: July 19, 1996**

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

GOLDEN OCALA UTILITIES, INC. ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this motion pursuant to Florida Administration Code, Section 25-22.041 to continue the May 16, 1997 hearing on its Application for Original Certificate for a Proposed or Existing System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges with Exhibits A through K ("Application"). In support thereof the Applicant states as follows:

1. After the Application was filed, Utilities, Inc. of Florida ("Utilities, Inc.") filed a formal objection to the Application. After receipt of notice of the objection by Utilities, Inc., the Applicant entered into negotiations with Utilities, Inc. for the provision of all required water and wastewater service to the Applicant's proposed service territory.

2. After receipt of notice of the objection by Utilities, Inc. Applicant also entered into negotiations with Marion County, Florida (the "County"). The Applicant and the County have now reached a tentative, verbal agreement whereby Marion County will provide all required water and wastewater service to the Applicant's proposed service territory, and are in the process of reducing all of the exact terms and conditions of that agreement to writing in a formal agreement.

3. At this time it would be a waste of the resources and time of the Public Service Commission and of the parties to continue to process the Application, inasmuch as if a formal agreement is executed between the County and the Applicant, the Applicant will have no need for a certificate to operate a water and wastewater utility in Marion County, Florida, and will voluntarily withdraw its Application.

4. At the same time, it would not be prudent for the Applicant to withdraw its Application at this time, inasmuch as if the County and the Applicant are unable to finalize and execute a formal written agreement, it will be necessary for the Applicant to obtain a certificate to operate a water and wastewater utility to provide water and wastewater to its proposed service territory, and if the Application had been withdrawn, the Applicant would be required to refile an application for original certificate requiring the payment of additional filing fees, attorneys fees, and costs associated with preparation, filing and publication of notice of same.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that:

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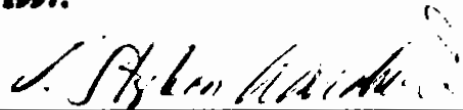
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1. The May 16, 1997 hearing be continued until such time as the Applicant requests that a hearing on the Application be rescheduled.

2. That all proceedings, discovery and other required actions and procedures be suspended and rescheduled at such time as a hearing on the Application is rescheduled.

I CERTIFY that a copy hereof has been furnished to UTILITIES, INC. of Florida by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 10 day of January, 1997.



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