

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Disposition of gross-up funds collected by Hydratech Utilities, Inc. in Marion County.

Docket No. 961076-WS

In re: Disposition of gross-up funds collected by Eagle Ridge Utilities, Inc. in Lee County.

Docket No. 961077-SU

In re: Disposition of contribution-in-aid-of-construction gross-up funds collected by Forest Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 961237-SU

MOTION FOR REVISION TO CONTROLLING DATES

Comes now HYDRATECH UTILITIES, INC., EAGLE RIDGE UTILITIES, INC. and FOREST UTILITIES, INC. (hereinafter "Petitioners" or "Utilities"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, and moves for a revision to several of the controlling dates established in the Order Establishing Procedure and Consolidating Dockets For Purposes Of Hearing (Order No. PSC-97-0174-PCO-WS) issued on February 13, 1997, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter "Commission" or "PSC") Order No. PSC-97-0174-PCO-WS was issued on

ACK February 13, 1997 establishing the controlling dates for various
AFA key events in the Petitioners' request for hearing on Order Nos.
APP PSC-96-1352-FOF-WS, PSC-96-1394-FOF-SU and PSC-97-0007-FOF-SU,
CIR including the March 24, 1997 due date for the Utilities' Direct
COM Testimony.

3 2. Hudson Utilities, Inc. (hereinafter "Hudson") recently protested an order involving similar issues (PAA Order No. PSC-97-0197-FOF-SU). Hudson has moved for consolidation of that case with

the above referenced dockets by motion dated March 5, 1997.

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3. Each of the three cases presently consolidated for hearing, and the case of Hudson proposed for consolidation, involve similar issues which are to be litigated under the current schedule at a July 10 and 11 hearings.

4. Representatives of the three Petitioners and Hudson have met and discussed with Staff, the potential for settlement of the issues short of going through the formal hearing process. The Commission Staff and the Utilities are continuing in such discussions at this time. In order to avoid the substantial cost of preparing for litigation prior to a determination of whether a settlement can be reached, the Petitioners would like to exhaust those attempts at settlement negotiations.

5. In order to allow time for such negotiations to conclude, the Staff, the Petitioners and Hudson Utilities have agreed that an extension of time of various controlling dates would be in the best interest of all parties.

5. In order to avoid the costs that may ultimately prove to be unnecessary if settlement can be reached, Petitioners hereby request that the controlling dates for various events as scheduled under Order No. PSC-97-0174-PCO-WS be revised as follows:

	<u>Original Controlling Date</u>	<u>Proposed Controlling Dates</u>
Utility's Direct Testimony and Exhibits	3/24/97	4/27/97
Intervenor's Direct Testimony and Exhibits	4/07/97	5/08/97
Staff's Direct Testimony ad Exhibits (if any)	4/21/97	5/23/97
Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits	5/05/97	6/06/97
Prehearing Statements	5/15/97	5/13/97

7. The changes in controlling dates as outlined above will not prejudice any party to this proceeding and, in fact, the proposed change still allows more than adequate time for performing all functions necessary prior to the actual prehearing conference. The only significant change is in setting the date for filing prehearing statements ten days before the prehearing conference rather than approximately 1 1/2 months prior to that conference.

8. Undersigned counsel has conferred with Staff Counsel and with counsel to Hudson Utilities, Inc. and the counsel for Hudson Utilities supports this motion and Staff Counsel does not oppose it.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners HYDRATECH UTILITIES, INC., EAGLE RIDGE UTILITIES, INC. and FOREST UTILITIES, INC. request that the Florida Public Service Commission extend the controlling dates as outlined herein from those originally adopted in Order No. PSC-97-0174-PCO-WS in the above referenced dockets. No parties will be prejudiced by such delay and the Petitioners, the Staff and Hudson Utilities may be able to avoid expenditure of substantial amounts of money and time in preparing and analyzing unneeded testimony if a settlement of these matters can ultimately be reached.

Respectfully submitted on this
7th day of March, 1997, by:



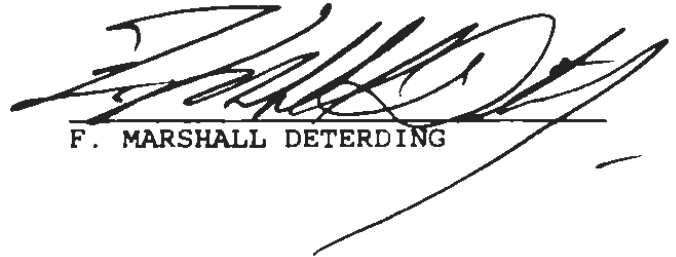
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by *Hand Delivery or U.S. Mail to the following parties this 7th of March, 1997.

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