RIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTION

VOTE SHEET

DATE: May 19, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 961416-WS - Response to Commission order to show cause by Florida Water Services Corporation in Pasco County. (Deferred from the 4/1/97 Conference - Revised Recommendation.)

<u>Issue 1:</u> Should Southern States Utilities, Inc.'s rates be adjusted to reflect the increase in commercial water rates and decrease in purchased water and wastewater costs to bulk water and wastewater customers in Pasco County?

Recommendation: No. SSU's rate of return on equity is less than the minimum of its authorized range of return on equity; therefore, SSU's rates should not be reduced to reflect a reduction in purchased water and wastewater costs.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

DISSENTING

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Issue 2: Should Southern States Utilities, Inc. be required to refund excess purchased water and wastewater costs collected from April 1, 1996 to the effective date of the new rates?

Recommendation: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, no refund should be required.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Upon expiration of the protest period, if a timely protest is not received from a substantially affected person, this docket should be closed.

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