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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: Docket No. 960235-WS, Application for Transfer of Certificate
Nos. 404-W and 341-S in Orange County from Econ Utilities
Corporation to Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 960283-WS, Application for Amendment of Certificate
Nos. 404-W and 341-S in Orange County by Wedgefield Utilities,
Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:


Enclosed for filing is the original and fifteen copies of the
Prehearing Statement of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,


Ben E. Girtman

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 APP _____ Encls.
 CAF _____ cc w/encl. Mr. Carl Wenz
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Application for Transfer)
of Certificate Nos. 404-W 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

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PREHEARING STATEMENT
of
WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC.

COMES NOW Utilities, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary,
Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter collectively referred to
as "Wedgefield") and file this Prehearing Statement in the above
styled cause and state:

I. List of Known Witnesses

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
<u>Direct</u> Carl Wenz	Applicant's position on rate base, acquisition adjustment policy and acquisition adjustment, benefits of acquisition to customers, purchase, general condition of purchased plant.

Rebuttal
Frank Seidman

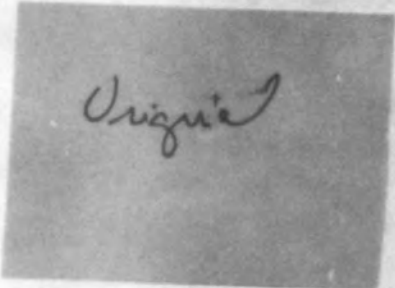
Response to OPC witness De Ward. Commission acquisition adjustment policy, applicability to this purchase, lack of harm to customers, condition of plant, lack of extraordinary conditions, benefits of purchase to customers.

Wedgefield reserves the right to call additional rebuttal witnesses, depending on the development of the case.

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II. List of Known Exhibits

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Application for Transfer of Certificate and Facilities of Econ Utilities Corporation to Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., filed February 21, 1996 [Commission Document No. 02377, February 27, 1996].

Wedgefield reserves the right to use additional exhibits for rebuttal, depending on the development of the case.

III. Statement of Basic Position

The rate base for the purposes of this transfer is \$1,462,487 and \$1,382,904, for the water and wastewater systems, respectively. In accordance with established Commission policy, no acquisition adjustment should be included in the rate base calculation. The purchaser has not requested any such adjustment, and there are no extraordinary circumstances to warrant it.

VI. Issues of Fact

Issue No. 1. What is the rate base for the water and wastewater systems, for the purposes of this transfer?

Position: The rate base for the purposes of this transfer is \$1,462,487 and \$1,382,904, for the water and wastewater systems, respectively.

Issue No. 2. What is the net book value of the water and wastewater systems, for the purposes of this transfer?

Position: The net book value for the purposes of this transfer is \$1,462,487 and \$1,382,904, for the water and wastewater systems, respectively.

Issue No. 3. Has the Applicant requested an acquisition adjustment to rate base?

Position: No.

Issue No. 4. Should an acquisition adjustment be made to rate base?

Position: No.

Issue No. 5. Are there any extraordinary circumstances warranting an acquisition adjustment to rate base?

Position: No. There are no exceptional circumstances and there should be no acquisition adjustment.

V. Issues of Law.

None at this time.

VI. Issues of Policy.

None at this time.

VII. Stipulations.

None at this time. Applicant proposes the following stipulations:

1. The current policy of the Florida Public Service Commission is that, absent extraordinary circumstances, the purchase of a utility system at a premium or discount shall not affect the rate base.
[Note: If this cannot be stipulated, then this should become an issues of either Policy or Law.]
2. Stipulate to the above stated position on Issue No. 2 regarding net book value.

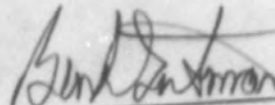
VIII. Pending Matters

None at this time.

IX. Requirements that cannot be complied with.

None at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 30th day of May, 1997.

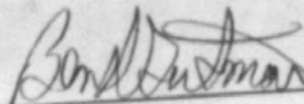


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 30 day of May, 1997.



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