

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**In Re: Application for rate increase in)
 Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, Clay,)
 Duval, Highlands, Lake, Marion,)
 Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola,)
 Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia,)
 and Washington Counties by)
 SOUTHERN UTILITIES INC.;)
 Collier County by MARCO)
 SHORES UTILITIES (Deltona);)
 Hernando County by SPRING)
 HILL UTILITIES (Deltona); and)
 Volusia County by DELTONA)
 LAKES UTILITIES (Deltona))**

Docket No. 9210199-WS

PETITION OF COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Charlotte County, (the County) 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948-1094 through its undersigned attorneys petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC or Commission) pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code and Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, for leave to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. Additionally, the County requests leave to intervene pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1033-PCO-WS wherein the Commission determined the decision of the First District Court of Appeals in Southern States Utilities, Inc., 22 Fla. L. Weekly D1492, D. 1493 (Fla 1st DCA 1997) should be read broadly "to ensure the participation of all substantially affected persons...". In compliance with Rule 25-22.036(7)(a), Florida Administrative Code, the County states the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the person who should receive copies of all documents, papers, correspondence, filings, and processes filed in this docket is:

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2. The County is a bulk water customer of Florida Water Services Corporation (FWSC) and received service from September 15, 1993 through January 23, 1996 for resale to its consumers in Pirate Harbor.

3. On October 28, 1997 the County received a document from FWSC entitled "Notice To Customers of Florida Water Services Corporation" indicating the County could be subject to a potential water surcharge of approximately \$75,000.00. The County was also advised that the potential surcharge impact "is an estimate only."

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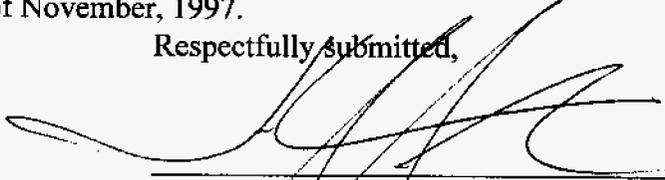
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4. The County's substantial interest will be affected by any subsequent Commission decisions or determinations in this docket.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby provided that the County of Charlotte has a substantial interest in this proceeding and requests leave to intervene and fully participate herein.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

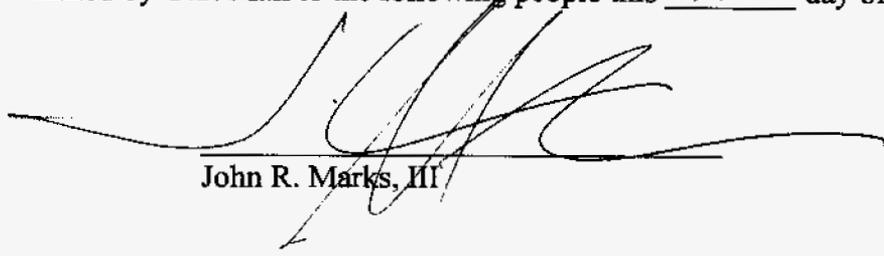


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing, Petition of the County of Charlotte For Leave To Intervene has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following people this 21ST day of November, 1997.



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