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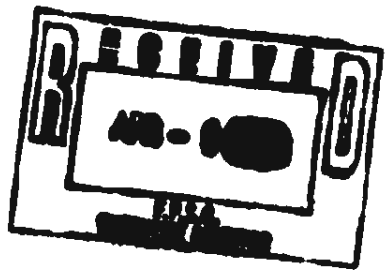
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Re: Docket No. 971667-WS

Dear Mr. Talbott:

On behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), I respectfully request a deferral of Item No. 23 scheduled for consideration at the April 7, 1998 Agenda Conference in the above-referenced docket. The matter involves Florida Water's application for approval of transfer of facilities to Orange County and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 064-W and 073-S in Orange County. I have requested staff to provide me with copies of all documents reviewed and analyzed by staff in formulating its recommendation. Staff has agreed to provide me with such documents upon the filing of a public records request which I intend to file prior to the end of this week. Florida Water requests a deferral of this item to the next regularly scheduled Agenda Conference so that it may have sufficient time to secure and review the documents reviewed and analyzed by staff in issuing its recommendation prior to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please note that no party has sought intervention in this docket. In addition, I have discussed this matter with staff and am authorized to represent that staff does not object to a deferral of this item until the next regularly scheduled Agenda Conference.

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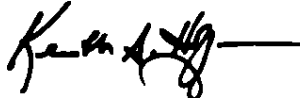
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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