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Public Service Commission

DATE: November 10, 1998
TO: Parties of Record
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB*
Division of Records and Reporting
RE: Docket No. 950495-WS - Application for rate increase and increase in service availability charges by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

This is to inform you that Chairman Johnson's office is reporting the following communications in the above-referenced docket.

- Letter from Senator Anna Cowin, 11th District, dated November 3, 1998.
- Letter from Jack Shreve, Public Counsel, dated October 27, 1998 with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.
- Letter from Senator Anna Cowin, 11th District, to Mr. Jack Shreve, dated October 27, 1998 with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.
- Letter from Representative Argenziano, dated October 27, 1998 with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.
- Letter from Chairman Gary Bartell, Board of County Commissioners, dated October 27, 1998 with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.
- Letter from Senator Ginny Brown-Waite, District 10, dated October 28, 1998, with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.
- Letter from Senator W. G. "Bill" Bankhead, District 8, dated October 29, 1998, with attached response from Chairman Julia L. Johnson, dated October 30, 1998.

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The correspondence, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S. any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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Public Service Commission

November 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Julial L. Johnson, Chairman *JLJ*

SUBJECT: Letter Received from Senator Anna P. Cowin Regarding Docket No. 950495-WS, Application for rate increase and increase in service availability charges by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

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JLJ:CJW:jbe

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

SENATOR ANNA COWIN

11th District

COMMITTEES:

Children, Families and Seniors,
Vice Chairman
Education
Natural Resources
Transportation
Ways and Means,
Sub. B (Education)

November 3, 1998

Julia L. Johnson, Chairman
Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0854

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I want to personally thank you for your assistance in helping the customers of Florida Water Services defer the Special Agenda Conference on Docket No. 950495-WS and permitting a public hearing in Citrus County. This deferment will enable the public counsel and customers to review, understand and prepare for the hearing.

Please feel free to contact my staff if you need assistance in coordinating the public hearing. My staff is readily available to help in any way possible to accommodate you.

Thank you again for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna P. Cowin".

Anna P. Cowin
Senator, District 11

REPLY TO:

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STATE OF FLORIDA



Public Service Commission

November 6, 1998

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CHAIRMAN



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Public Service Commission

October 30, 1998

Jack Shreve, Public Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
c/o The Florida Legislature
111 W. Madison Street, Room 812
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400

Dear Mr. Shreve:

In response to your request and that of several others, I have deferred the Special Agenda Conference on Docket No. 950495-WS from Monday, November 2 to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 1998. I understand that the various requests are based on the complexity of the recommendation and a desire that customers better understand the staff recommendation before the Commissioners vote.

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Chairman

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JACK SHREVE
PUBLIC COUNSEL

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

c/o The Florida Legislature
111 West Madison St.
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850-488-9330

October 27, 1998

Chairman Julia Johnson
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Southern States/Florida Water Services
Commission Docket 950495

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I have been contacted by Senator Anna Cowin and Representative Nancy Argenziano. They have asked me to request a deferral of Commission consideration of this docket from the November 2, 1998, agenda until all parties have had sufficient time to digest the complex staff recommendation.

Accordingly, I specifically request on behalf of Senator Cowin and Representative Argenziano that the above-referenced docket be deferred from the November 2, 1998, agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Shreve".

Jack Shreve
Public Counsel

cc: All Parties of Record

Amelia Island Community Assoc., etal.
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Public Service Commission

November 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM

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Public Service Commission

October 30, 1998

The Honorable Anna P. Cowin
The Florida Senate, District 11
716 West Magnolia Street
Leesburg, Florida 34748

Dear Senator Cowin:

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Julia L. Johnson
Chairman

cc: Jack Shreve, Office of the Public Counsel
Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records & Reporting



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SENATOR ANNA COWIN

11th District

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Sub. B (Education)

October 27, 1998

Mr. Jack Shreve, Public Counsel
111 W. Madison Street, Room 812
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

Dear Mr. Shreve:

I have the October 21, 1998 staff recommendation in the above-captioned matter, which differs substantially from the October 7th recommendation. The October 21st recommendation furnishes numerous schedules which reflect a variety of effects on my constituents. The schedules purport to implement the rate design aspects of the order which survived the court challenge.

There are a myriad of schedules which also need considerable explanation (which I may soon request from the Commission). As a State Senator and customer of Southern States, I ask that you request the Commission to defer this item from the special agenda conference now scheduled for November 2, 1998 until a later time. I would like to be fully advised as to the effects of potential Commission action upon the people I represent.

Sincerely,

Anna P. Cowin
Senator, District 11

APC/bsm

cc: Representative Nancy Argenziano, House District 43

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Public Service Commission

October 30, 1998

The Honorable Nancy Argenziano
Florida House of Representatives, District 43
6216 W. Corporate Oaks Drive
Crystal River, Florida 34429

Dear Representative Argenziano:

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Julia L. Johnson
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cc: Jack Shreve, Office of the Public Counsel
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Florida House of Representatives

Nancy Argenziano
Representative, District 43

October 27, 1998

The Honorable Julia Johnson
Chair, FPSC
Fax: 850-413-6067

Re: Request for deferral of hearing; change of venue, docket case: 950495-WS-Florida Water Services Corp.

Dear Chair Johnson,

Thank you for our recent conversations regarding the referenced, and the availability of staff to respond to my inquiries.

I request that you defer that hearing on the referenced scheduled for 11/2, and re-schedule same for hearing in Citrus County. Inasmuch as any rate changes arrived at will inordinately impact citizens in Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Pasco, I believe 1) the citizens are entitled to be heard on the issue, and 2) Citrus is the most convenient location. The BOCC, Citrus County, is taking up the matter this date, and I have assurances that an appropriate location will be provided.

I further understand that the most recent staff recommendation related to rates is significantly complicated. I believe we are of the same mind that, before citizens are impacted by this government action, they are due an explanation. I believe that explanation should first be offered in connection with public participation, and justified/validated subsequently, if possible, at the evidentiary hearing which I understand will occur in February.

Your assistance in arranging this hearing, and counsel, are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Argenziano

NA/fhp
cc: Legislators, media

COMMITTEES: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT / ELDER AFFAIRS AND LONG TERM CARE / UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS / WATER AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA



Public Service Commission

November 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Julial L. Johnson, Chairman *JLJ*

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Public Service Commission

October 30, 1998

The Honorable Gary Bartell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Executive Offices
111 W. Main Street, Third Floor
Inverness, Florida 34450

Dear Chairman Bartell:

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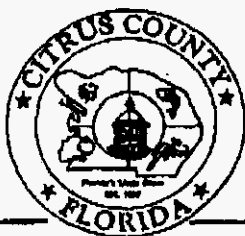
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October 27, 1998

The Honorable Julia L. Johnson
Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Request for Deferral of Hearing and Change of
Venue/Docket No.: 950495-WS-Florida Water
Services Corp.

Dear Chairwoman Johnson:

The Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, has unanimously requested that I ask the Public Service Commission to reschedule its proposed hearing on the above referenced matter currently scheduled for November 2, 1998. It is our desire to host that hearing in Citrus County since it impacts citizens in Marion, Hernando, Lake and Pasco which are in close proximity to Citrus County and the most convenient site to all interested ratepayers.

If our request is granted we will make the necessary arrangements for a facility of appropriate size to hold the anticipated number of participants and to send invitations to the governing bodies of each of the respective counties for the Public Service Commission's public hearing on this most important matter. The issue of Florida Water's rate case has been a divisive one and any solution to this legal morass needs both public information and public participation in order for the decision of the Public Service Commission to be accepted without the need for further litigation.

The Honorable Julia L. Johnson
October 27, 1998
Page Two

We would respectfully request that such an evidentiary hearing be held during the month of February, 1999 and again we offer our services in providing an appropriate location and place for the public hearing.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Bartell
Chairman
Commissioner-District 2

GB:cac

cc: The Honorable Nancy Argenziano
Citrus County Chronicle
St. Petersburg Times

STATE OF FLORIDA



Public Service Commission

November 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

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SENATOR GINNY BROWN-WAITE
10th District

COMMITTEES:
Health Care,
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Sub. C (Human Services)

SELECT COMMITTEE:
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JOINT COMMITTEE:
Joint Administrative Procedures

VIA FACSIMILE

October 28, 1998

Julia L. Johnson, Chairman
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Rate Case Docket 950495-WS-Florida Water Services Corp

Dear Chairman Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly request that the meeting scheduled November 2, 1998 concerning the above mentioned case be rescheduled for a later date.

It is my understanding the recent staff recommendation regarding this case is extremely complex. At this point, I have not seen the recommendation and would like the opportunity to review same. This issue is very important to the constituents of my district and I do not believe this hastily called meeting would be to their advantage or the other residents affected by this issue.

Also, it would be advantageous if the meeting could be held in the Hernando/Citrus County area. This would be more convenient for the residents in the areas affected.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Ginny Brown-Waite

Ginny Brown-Waite
State Senator District 10

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Public Service Commission

October 30, 1998

The Honorable Ginny Brown-Waite
The Florida Senate, District 10
Hernando Government Complex
20 North Main Street, Room 200
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Dear Senator Brown-Waite:

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Public Service Commission

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Dear Senator Bankhead:

In response to your request and that of several others, I have deferred the Special Agenda Conference on Docket No. 950495-WS from Monday, November 2 to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 1998. I understand that the various requests are based on the complexity of the recommendation and a desire that customers better understand the staff recommendation before the Commissioners vote.

This matter was previously scheduled for decision on October 13, 1998. I deferred this item from October 13 to November 2 to give parties an opportunity to review and understand the recommendation. This second deferral will give everyone additional time to understand the recommendation.

Moreover, my staff will be available to come to Citrus County prior to the agenda conference on November 13 to meet with customers and explain the recommendation. The Commission will endeavor to ensure that customers are as informed as possible, but we remain cognizant that the Commission must move expeditiously to comply with the Court's Mandate on Remand.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia L. Johnson".

Julia L. Johnson
Chairman

cc: Jack Shreve, Office of the Public Counsel
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October 29, 1998

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Re: Docket Case 950495-WS-Florida Water Services Corp.; request for deferral of hearing and change of venue

Dear Ms. Johnson:

It is my understanding that there has been a request to defer a hearing on the above-referenced docket case scheduled for November 2, 1998. It is also my understanding that there has been a request to hold any deferred hearing in Citrus County, inasmuch as rate changes would substantially impact customers in Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Lake, and Pasco Counties. On behalf of my constituents in Marion County, please know that I, too, support those requests.

Citrus County should prove to be an excellent venue for such a hearing, given its central location. Moreover, it would give many affected citizens an opportunity to have their voices heard prior to any decision by the commission. It would also give the PSC staff an opportunity to explain its most recent recommendations in a more accessible forum.

Thank you for all the opportunities for public input you and your fellow commissioners provide. I sincerely hope that a viable resolution can be reached in this particular case.

Cordially,



W.G. "Bill" Bankhead

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