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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

DONALD RASMUSSEN

ON BEHALF OF

LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.

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1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Don Rasmussen and my business address is 200 Weathersfield Avenue,
3 Altamonte Springs, Florida.

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5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am employed by Utilities, Inc., the parent company which owns 100% of the stock
7 of Lake Utility Services, Inc. (LUSI). Presently, I serve as Vice President and
8 Regional Director of Operations and am responsible for the administration and
9 operation of all water and wastewater systems in Florida owned and operated by
10 subsidiaries of Utilities, Inc.

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12 **Q. Please summarize your background and experience in the water and wastewater
13 industry.**

14 A. I was hired by Utilities, Inc. in 1970. I was soon promoted to the position of Area
15 Manager, where I was responsible for the operations of several water and wastewater
16 plants. During this time I acquired the highest Illinois licenses awarded in the water
17 and wastewater fields and continue to hold a Class A certificate in water and a Class 1
18 certificate in wastewater. I also conducted safety seminars for the company and was
19 a licensed paramedic.

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21 In 1982, I was transferred to Altamonte Springs and accepted the position of
22 Regional Director for Utilities, Inc. of Florida. In 1990, I was given the title of Vice
23 President of the Utilities, Inc. of Florida systems. I currently maintain a Grade A
24 certificate in water and a Grade C certificate in wastewater in the State of Florida. I
25 have attended numerous seminars dealing with operations and maintenance of water

1 and wastewater systems and serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Water
2 Works Association.

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4 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to sponsor the four volumes of engineering
6 information and system maps that were filed as part of the Minimum Filing
7 Requirements for the test year ending December 31, 1995 and that were submitted to
8 the Commission on June 3, 1996. The information in those exhibits is correct and
9 complete as it relates to the utility's 1995 test year.

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11 **Q. Does that conclude your direct testimony?**

12 A. Yes, that concludes my direct testimony on the issues that remain for Commission
13 determination as set out in the Order No. PSC-98-1582-PCO-WU. Based on the
14 Commission's ruling that quality of service and used and useful issues are not on the
15 table at this time, I have not presented testimony that I would normally sponsor on
16 the utility's quality of service and or on issues related to the operation of the utility's
17 facilities.

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