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**Rhema Business Services, Inc.**

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April 27, 1999

Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Notice of Intention of SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC. to Implement the 1998  
Price Index Rate Adjustment

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the original and three (3) copies of the Request for Representation by a  
Qualified Representative, and the qualified representative's Affidavit for the  
referenced case.

Sincerely,



Norman F. Mears  
Senior Utility Consultant

Enclosures  
cc: Robert L. Chapman, III

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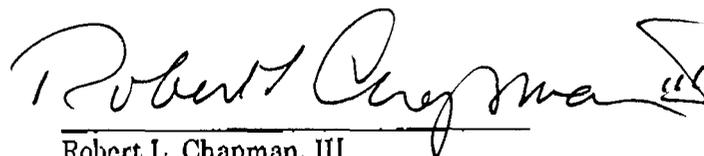
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Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative

SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC. requests approval of Norman F. Mears, whose address is 1344 Vickers Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, and whose telephone number is (850) 562-9886, as its qualified representative for its notice of intention to implement the 1998 price index rate adjustment.

SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC. is aware of the nature and expense of a qualified representative, and is aware that the Florida Public Service Commission has recognized Norman F. Mears as a Class B Practitioner to examine and cross examine witnesses, and to file required data on behalf of water and wastewater utilities in the areas of economics, accounting and finance since May 24, 1982, and is aware that it can be represented by an attorney at its own expense.

  
Robert L. Chapman, III  
President

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

AFFIDAVIT

I, Norman F. Mears, affirm that I have: (a) knowledge of jurisdiction; (b) knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; (c) knowledge regarding the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; (d) knowledge regarding the factual and legal issues involved in the proceedings; and (e) knowledge of and compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives, Rule 28-106.107, sufficient to represent Southlake Utilities, Inc. in its notice of intention to implement the 1998 price index rate adjustment. This knowledge is evidenced by my being recognized as a Class B Practitioner since May 24, 1982.

Norman F. Mears

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999 by Norman F.

Mears.



JOHNNIE M HURST  
My Commission CC525515  
Expires Jan. 18, 2000

Johnnie M. Hurst

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification ✓

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