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Re: Docket No. 980744-WS

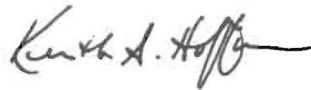
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") are the original and fifteen copies of Florida Water's Motion for Continuance and Rescheduling of Controlling Dates.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into ratemaking)
considerations of gain on sale from sale)
of facilities of Florida Water Services)
Corporation to Orange County.)
_____)

Docket No. 980744-WS

Filed: November 29, 2000

**FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION'S
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND
RESCHEDULING OF CONTROLLING DATES**

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.210, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests that the final hearing in this docket currently scheduled for March 22-23, 2001, be continued for a period of ninety days and rescheduled on or after June 25, 2001. Florida Water also requests that the controlling dates for the filing of the remaining prefiled testimony and exhibits, prehearing statements and post-hearing briefs, as well as the date for the prehearing conference, be correspondingly extended and rescheduled for dates which fall at least ninety days after the applicable dates set forth in Order Nos. PSC-00-1752-PCO-WS and PSC-00-2141-PCO-WS, depending on the new final hearing dates established by the Prehearing Officer. In support of this Motion, Florida Water states as follows:

1. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1752-PCO-WS issued September 26, 2000, the prehearing conference and final hearing in this docket have been scheduled for March 5, 2001 and March 22-23, 2001, respectively. In addition, pursuant to this Order, post-hearing briefs are due April 20, 2001.

2. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-2141-PCO-WS issued November 9, 2000, the parties are subject to the following controlling dates:

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Utility's direct testimony and exhibits	November 20, 2000
Intervenor's direct testimony and exhibits	December 18, 2000
Staff's direct testimony and exhibits, if any	January 15, 2001
Rebuttal testimony and exhibits	February 12, 2001
Prehearing Statements	February 26, 2001

Florida Water filed its prefiled testimony and exhibits on November 20, 2000.

3. Counsel for Florida Water is currently scheduled for final hearing in five matters, apart from the instant docket, which surround the March 22-23 final hearing dates in this matter. Specifically, counsel for Florida Water is scheduled for final hearing in the following dockets on the following dates:

- a. Docket No. 990874-TP: final hearing scheduled for February 21, 2001.
- b. Docket No. 000075-TP: final hearing scheduled for March 7-9, 2001.
- c. Docket No. 991666-WU: final hearing scheduled for March 13-14, 2001.
- d. Docket Nos. 990696-WS and 992040-WS: final hearing scheduled for April 4-6, 2001.
- e. Docket No. 970409-SU: final hearing scheduled for April 11-12, 2001.

4. In view of the current hearing schedule of Florida Water's counsel, Florida Water maintains that good cause exists to continue the final hearing scheduled in this matter for a period of ninety days and to reschedule the final hearing on or after June 25, 2001.

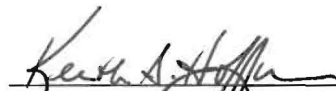
5. Counsel for Florida Water has conferred with the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") concerning this Motion for Continuance and is authorized to represent that OPC concurs in this request for a continuance so long as the remaining controlling dates in this proceeding are correspondingly extended and rescheduled commensurate with the new final hearing dates.

6. Accordingly, consistent with OPC's position, Florida Water requests that the final

hearing be rescheduled for a period of ninety days commencing on or after June 25, 2001, and that the remaining controlling dates as reflected in the above-referenced Orders be correspondingly extended and rescheduled on dates that fall at least ninety days after the applicable dates set forth in said Orders, depending on the new final hearing dates established by the Prehearing Officer. Florida Water also requests that the new date for the filing of post-hearing briefs be rescheduled to a date which falls approximately thirty days after the final hearing date consistent with the time frame for the filing of post-hearing briefs set forth in Order No. PSC-00-1752-PCO-WS.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Florida Water respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer grant this Motion and continue the final hearing currently scheduled for March 22-23, 2001 for a period of ninety days and reschedule the final hearing on or after June 25, 2001. Florida Water also requests that the Prehearing Officer extend and reschedule the controlling dates for: (1) the filing of Intervenor prefiled testimony and exhibits, Staff prefiled testimony and exhibits (if any), Utility prefiled rebuttal testimony and exhibits, and prehearing statements; (2) the prehearing conference; and (3) the filing of post-hearing briefs, as set forth in paragraph 6 of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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