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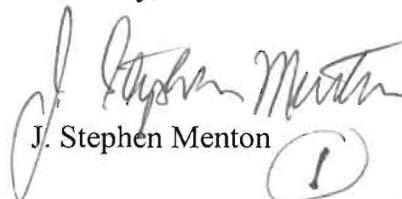
Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") are the original and fifteen copies of:

1. Florida Water's Motion for Leave to File Amended Prefiled Direct Testimony of Hugh Gower and Charles H. Hughes;
2. Amended Prefiled Direct Testimony of Charles H. Hughes; and
3. Amended Prefiled Direct Testimony of Hugh Gower.

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Sincerely,


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In re: Investigation into ratemaking)
considerations of gain on sale from sale)
of facilities of Florida Water Services)
Corporation to Orange County.)
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Docket No. 980744-WS

Filed: December 13, 2000

**FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION'S
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HUGH GOWER
AND CHARLES H. HUGHES**

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Motion for Leave to File Amended Prefiled Direct Testimony of Hugh Gower and Charles H. Hughes. In support of this Motion, Florida Water states as follows:

1. On November 20, 2000, Florida Water filed the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Dr. John Cirello, James A. Perry, Charles H. Hughes and Hugh Gower. The testimony of Messrs. Hughes and Gower incorrectly refers to Florida Water's \$4.2 million gain on sale of its Orange County systems.¹ The correct figure for the after tax gain on the sale of the Orange County systems is \$4,457,239.21, as reflected on page 5, line 17 of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of James A. Perry and in Florida Water's Response to Office of Public Counsel Interrogatory No. 1.

2. In addition, at page 5, lines 8-11, Mr. Gower refers to the testimony of Mr. Perry in stating that the proceeds of the sale of the Orange County systems were applied as part of the \$16,000,000 cash payment made in connection with the \$35,000,000 purchase of the Palm Coast systems on which Florida Water had an option since 1996." Florida Water wishes to amend page 5, line 9 of Mr. Gower's Prefiled Direct Testimony to reflect the correct dollar amount of the capital

¹See Prefiled Direct Testimony of Hugh Gower, at page 4, line 6 and page 5, line 4; and, Prefiled Direct Testimony of Charles H. Hughes at page 4, line 25, page 5, line 19 and page 17, line 9.

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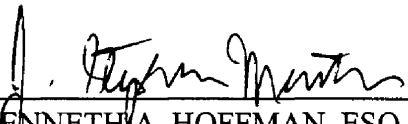
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infusion which was \$17,500,000 on a net basis as discussed on page 7 of Mr. Perry's Prefiled Direct Testimony and to delete the reference to the purchase price for Palm Coast.

3. Florida Water wishes to file the amended Prefiled Direct Testimony of Mr. Hughes and Gower to correct the dollar figures referenced above prior to any further discovery, submission of testimony and the final hearing in this matter. A copy of the amended testimony is being filed simultaneously with this Motion. The only changes appear on pages 4 and 5 of Hugh Gowers' testimony and on pages 4, 5 and 17 of Charles Hughes. (A typographical error on page 5 of Mr. Hughes' testimony has also been corrected). No party will be prejudiced by the clarifications.

4. Counsel for Florida Water has conferred with counsel for OPC and is authorized to represent OPC does not object to this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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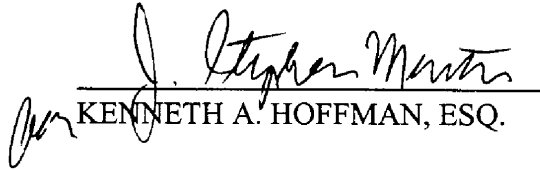
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