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Public Service Commission

March 30, 2001

Mr. Kenneth A. Hoffman Rutledge, Ecenia, Underwood, Purnell & Hoffman Post Office Box 551 Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0551

Re: Docket No. 920199 -WS - Application for rate increase in Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia, and Washington Counties by SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.; Collier County by MARCO SHORES UTILITIES (Deltona); Hernando County by SPRING HILL UTILITIES (Deltona); and Volusia County by DELTONA LAKES UTILITIES (Deltona).

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Pursuant to Order PSC-98-0749-FOF-WS, issued May 29, 1998, Florida Water Services Corporation f/k/a Southern States Utilities, Inc. was directed to file a bond in the amount of \$2,705,331 as security for any possible refunds to its Spring Hill customers for the period January 23, 1996 to June 14, 1997. The utility complied by filing Surety Rider/Bond No. 5723795 in this amount on October 27, 1998. Subsequently, on January 10, 2001, the utility filed its Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Extension Concerning Spring Hill Appeal. The agreement extension was approved by Order PSC-01-0387-AS-WS issued February 15, 2001. Page seven of the order specifically stated that the settlement agreement extension resolved all issues concerning the refund requirement. Accordingly, pursuant to the directive in Mr. Jaeger's March 28, 2001, memorandum (a copy of which is enclosed), Surety Rider/Bond No. 5723795 can be released.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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