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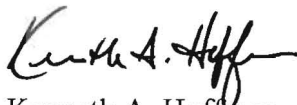
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") are the original and fifteen copies of a Joint Motion for Continuance.

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. )  
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Docket No. 980744-WS

Filed: January 11, 2002

**JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

The Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) and Florida Water Services Corporation (“Florida Water”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.210, Florida Administrative Code, jointly move for a continuance of the prehearing conference and final hearing in the above-styled proceeding. In support of this Joint Motion, OPC and Florida Water state as follows:

1. The prehearing conference in this case is currently scheduled for January 23, 2002. The final hearing is currently scheduled for February 1, 2002.
2. In view of the impending sale of Florida Water, OPC and Florida Water have initiated discussions directed toward a settlement of this case. Those discussions are premised on the belief that the parties and the Commission should not unnecessarily expend time and resources on this matter, including a potential appeal, in light of the impending sale of Florida Water.
3. OPC and Florida Water jointly believe that a continuance of the final hearing would be appropriate to allow settlement discussions to continue in view of the impending sale of Florida Water. OPC and Florida Water believe that a continuance of at least three months would be desirable and appropriate.
4. Counsel for Florida Water has been authorized by counsel for OPC to execute this Joint Motion for Continuance on behalf of OPC.

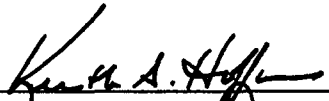
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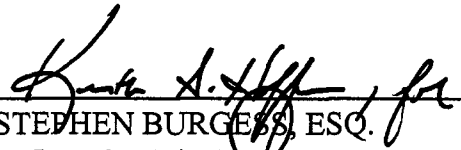
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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, OPC and Florida Water respectfully request that the Prehearing Officer grant this Motion and reschedule the prehearing conference and final hearing to new dates on or after June 1, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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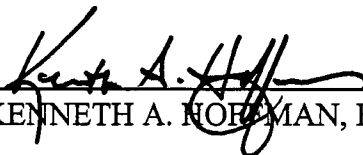
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by United States Mail to the following this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002:

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