BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: WATER AND WASTEWATER INDUSTRY ANNUAL REESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORIZED RANGE OF RETURN ON COMMON EQUITY FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 367.081 (4)(F), F.S.

DOCKET NO. 020006-WS

ISSUED: September 10, 2002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission in the above referenced docket, at the following time and place:

> 9:30 a.m. EST Wednesday, October 16, 2002 Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code.

0000MENT NUMBER-DATE

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PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the annual reestablishment of authorized range of return on common equity of water and wastewater utilities pursuant to section 367.081(4)(f), Florida Statutes, and to consider any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference to be held on September 30, 2002. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing, because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held before Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, regarding the above-referenced matter, at the following time and place:

> 1:30 p.m. EST Monday, September 30, 2002 Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE DOCKET NO. 020006-WS PAGE 3

any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; and (5) to consider any other matters that may aid in the disposition of this case.

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JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The hearing and prehearing conference will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 367.081, 367.0816, 367.101, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, are applicable to these proceedings, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>10th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2002</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

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