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Re: Docket No. 020554-WS

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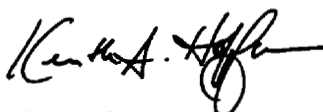
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") are an original and fifteen (15) copies of Florida Water's Motion for Continuance.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Florida Water)
Services Corporation (FWSC) for)
determination of exclusive jurisdiction over)
FWSC's water and wastewater land and)
facilities in Hernando County, and)
application for certificate of authorization)
for existing utility currently charging for)
service.)
_____)

Docket No. 020554-WS

Filed: October 18, 2002

**FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION'S
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.210, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests the Prehearing Officer to enter an Order continuing the final hearing currently scheduled in this case for March 19-21, 2003, and postponing the other current Controlling Dates set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-02-1316-PCO-WS, issued September 30, 2002, for a period of at least three months. In support of this Motion, Florida Water states as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure, the final hearing in this case is scheduled for March 19-21, 2003. Florida Water's prefiled direct testimony is due December 13, 2002.

2. Florida Water has entered into an agreement for the sale of its assets to the Florida Water Services Authority. In view of that sale, Florida Water maintains that the development of testimony, conducting discovery and preparing for and participating in a final hearing may be unnecessary in view of the sale to the Authority. To avoid a potential unnecessary expenditure of time and resources by the parties and the Commission, Florida Water believes it would be appropriate to postpone the Controlling Dates and continue the final hearing for a period of at least

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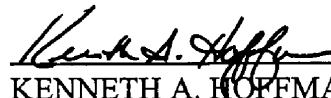
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three months.

3. Counsel for Florida Water has conferred with counsel for Intervenor/Objectors Hernando County and Pasco County and is authorized to represent that these parties do not object to the relief requested in this Motion.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Florida Water respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer grant this Motion and enter an Order rescheduling the Controlling Dates in the Order Establishing Procedure for a period of at least three months and continuing and rescheduling the final hearing for a three day hearing on or after June 19, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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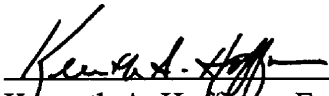
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Florida Water Services Corporation's Motion for Continuance was furnished by United States to the following this 18th day of October, 2002:

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