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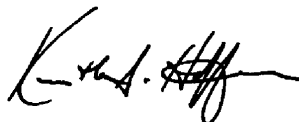
Dear Ms. Bayo:

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.)
_____)

Docket No. 980744-WS

Filed: November 15, 2002

JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Florida Water Services Corporation (“Florida Water”) and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, jointly move for a continuance of the prehearing conference and final hearing scheduled in this docket. In support of this Joint Motion, Florida Water and OPC state as follows:

1. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-0768-PCO-WS issued June 7, 2002, the Prehearing Officer granted a Joint Motion for Continuance filed by Florida Water and OPC and established new controlling dates for the prehearing conference, final hearing and posthearing briefs. A continuance was granted based on the representation of the parties that Florida Water was currently engaged in efforts to sell its water and wastewater assets in Florida, and that the sale of those assets may affect the Commission’s actions in this proceeding.

2. On September 19, 2002, Florida Water and the Florida Water Services Authority entered into an agreement for the purchase of Florida Water’s water and wastewater assets in Florida. That agreement is now the subject of a Commission investigation in Docket No. 021066-WS. Consistent with their prior Joint Motion for Continuance, Florida Water and OPC continue to believe that the Commission will save time and money by continuing the hearing currently scheduled for January 9, 2003 in this proceeding pending the outcome of the Commission’s investigation in Docket No. 021066-WS.

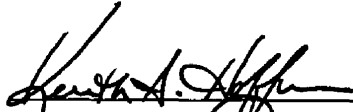
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WHEREFORE, Florida Water and OPC jointly request the Prehearing Officer to continue the prehearing conference and final hearing for at least six months with the understanding that Florida Water and/or OPC may seek an additional continuance depending on the status of the sale at that time.

Respectfully submitted,


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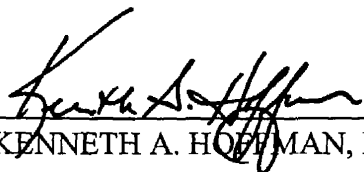
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by hand delivery to the following this 15th day of November, 2002:

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