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Re: Docket No. 020071-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of Citizens' Motion to Strike Untimely Pleadings.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
Deputy Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Utilities, Inc. of)	Docket no. 020071-WS
Florida for a rate increase in Marion, Orange)	
Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole Counties)	Dated December 24, 2002

CITIZENS' MOTION TO STRIKE UNTIMELY PLEADINGS

The Citizens of Florida (Citizens), through their attorney, move the Prehearing Officer to strike two untimely pleadings filed by Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIC) on December 20, 2002.

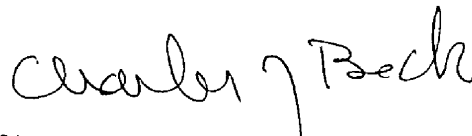
1. Citizens filed a motion to compel on November 27, 2002. This motion was served on UIF by fax and mail. According to rule 28-106.204, UIF had up to seven days to file a response. Its response was due no later than December 4, 2002.

2. Similarly, Citizens filed a second motion to compel on December 4, 2002, which, like the first, was served on UIF by fax and mail. UIF's response to this motion was due no later than December 11, 2002.

3. UIF filed responses to both motions on December 20, 2002. These responses are untimely and should be stricken.

WHEREFORE, Citizens respectfully request the Prehearing Officer to strike these two untimely pleadings filed by UIF.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

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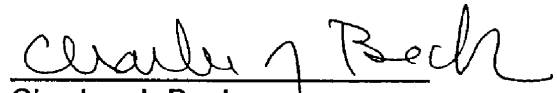
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery, facsimile and/or U.S. Mail to the following parties on this 24th day of December, 2002.

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