

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of Utilities, Inc.
of Florida for a rate increase in Marion,
Orange, Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole
Counties

Docket No.020071-WS

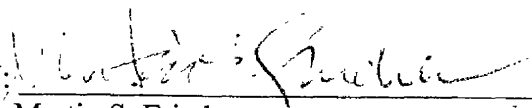
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA. (*UIF*) by and through its undersigned attorneys and makes this Request for Oral Argument on the Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Extension of Time to File Testimony of the Citizens of the State of Florida (*OPC*) and on Utilities, Inc. of Florida's Response to the Motion to Dismiss of the Citizens of the State of Florida . OPC's Motions and UIF's Response involve very similar facts and issues. UIF believes that oral argument would aid the Commission in understanding the complexity and multiplicity of OPC's discovery requests and the minimal impact that any delays have had on OPC's ability to prepare their case.

WHEREFORE, UIF respectfully requests that this Commission allow oral argument on Citizens' Motions to Dismiss and for Extension of Time to File Testimony and on the Response of Utilities, Inc. of Florida to Citizens' Motion to Dismiss.

Respectfully submitted on this
7 day of March, 2003 by:

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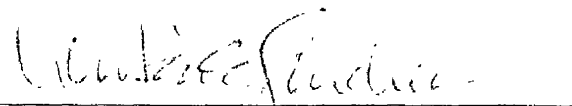
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Utilities, Inc. of Florida's Request for Oral Argument on the Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Extension of Time to File Testimony of the Citizens of the State of Florida and on Utilities, Inc. of Florida's Response to the Motion to Dismiss of the Citizens of the State of Florida has been furnished by facsimile and Federal Express to the following parties on this 11th day of March, 2003:

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