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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

RE: Docket No. 020071-WS

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed herewith for the docket file is an original and one copy of an agreement entered into between Utilities, Inc. of Florida and the Office of Public Counsel.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely,

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AGREEMENT

This agreement is being entered into between Utilities, Inc. of Florida (hereinafter “UIF”) and the Office of Public Counsel (hereinafter “OPC”) for the purpose of resolving certain procedural disputes in Docket No. 020071-WS.

WHEREAS, OPC has filed a Motion to Dismiss and a Motion for (2-month) Extension of Time to File Testimony;

WHEREAS, a two-month extension for filing OPC testimony would necessitate a delay from the currently scheduled date for the hearing in this docket;

WHEREAS, UIF has objected to OPC’s currently unanswered discovery as being excessively voluminous, and has objected to any further OPC discovery on the same grounds;

WHEREAS, OPC and UIF desire to resolve the issues of contention described herein;

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE:

OPC will voluntarily withdraw its Motion to Dismiss.

UIF assents to the OPC two-month extension and agrees to forego temporary implementation of rates pursuant to 367.081(6), F.S., for a period of time necessary to accommodate the PSC’s need to change the hearing dates.

UIF will withdraw its objection that the currently outstanding OPC discovery as excessively voluminous.

UIF further agrees to provide responses to a reasonable number of additional OPC discovery requests, provided that discovery is not objectionable on other grounds.

OPC agrees to withdraw its Motion to Dismiss.

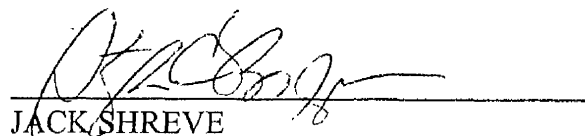
OPC agrees that the discovery delays encountered up to this point in time are remedied by

the extension of time.

ENTERED into this 14th day of March, 2003.



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