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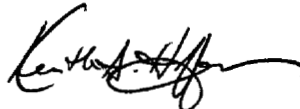
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water") 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,




Kenneth A. Hoffman

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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: December 19, 2003

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. The prehearing conference and final hearing in this matter are currently scheduled for March 15, 2004 and March 26, 2004, respectively.

2. Over the course of last few months, Florida Water has sought and received Commission approval for the sale of major portions of its statewide utility. Florida Water is currently engaged in efforts to sell the remaining portions of its statewide utility and anticipates that those efforts will result in an agreement by the end of the first quarter of 2004.

3. The sale of the remaining Florida Water systems will eliminate the need for the instant gain on sale proceeding.

4. Florida Water and OPC believe it would be appropriate to continue the prehearing conference and final hearing scheduled in this proceeding and reschedule the same no sooner than six months after the date of the issuance of the Order granting this Joint Motion for Continuance.

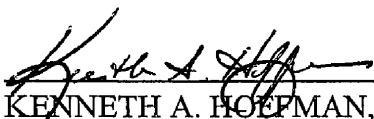
WHEREFORE, Florida Water and OPC jointly request the Prehearing Officer to continue the prehearing conference and final hearing for at least six months pending the completion of Florida Water's efforts to sell the remaining assets of its statewide utility.

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Respectfully submitted,



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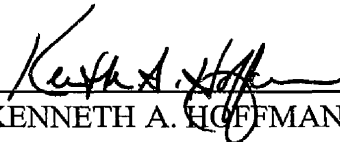
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by hand delivery to the following this 19th day of December, 2003:

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