

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of UTILITIES
INC. for authority for transfer of
majority organizational
control to HYDRO STAR, LLC

Docket No. 050499-WS

MOTION OF UTILITIES, INC. TO BIFURCATE PROCEEDING

UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, files this action to bifurcate this proceeding, and in support thereof, states:

1. Utilities, Inc., filed the instant Application on behalf of fourteen (14) subsidiaries which hold water and/or wastewater certificates issued by the Commission.

2. The only formal objection filed with regard to any of the regulated Utilities was filed by Michael Duggar with regard to the transfer of majority organizational control of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

3. Mr. Duggar is a customer of Wedgefield and complains extensively regarding the presence of TTHMs in the drinking water. This issue relates only to Wedgefield.

4. Mr. Duggar is not a customer of any of the other thirteen (13) Utilities that are the subject of this proceeding, and thus, he does not have standing to object to the approval of the transfer of the other Utilities.

5. For administrative convenience, these fourteen (14) transfers were filed in a single docket, but could have been filed as fourteen (14) separate dockets. In fact, Utilities, Inc., could voluntarily withdraw its transfer application from this docket and re-file it separately. That would leave the remaining Utilities without any objection and approval would be expedited.

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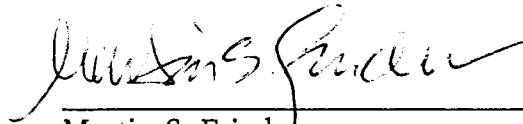
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WHEREFORE, UTILITIES, INC. requests this Commission bifurcate the Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., transfer for formal hearing, and move forward with consideration of the transfer of the remainder of the Utilities.

Respectfully submitted on this 8 day
of November, 2005.

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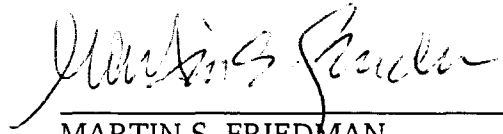
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished
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