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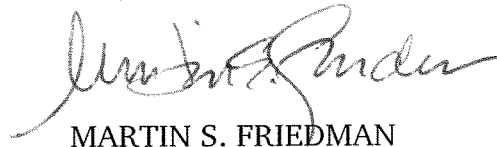
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RE: Docket No.: 080006-WS; In re: Water and Wastewater Industry Annual
Reestablishment of Authorized Range of Return on Common Equity for Water and
Wastewater Utilities Pursuant to Section 367.081 (4)(f), F.S.
Our File No.: 30057.161

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Utilities, Inc., is a
Motion to Strike Portion of James A. Rothchild's Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits.

Very truly yours,



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For the Firm

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Water and Wastewater Industry)
Annual Reestablishment of Authorized)
Range of Return on Common Equity for)
Water and Wastewater Utilities pursuant)
to Section 367.081 (4)(f), F.S.)
_____)

Docket No.: 080006-WS

MOTION TO STRIKE PORTION OF JAMES A. ROTHCHILD'S
SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, F.A.C., moves the Prehearing Officer to strike a portion of the Prefiled Surrebuttal Testimony of James A. Rothchild and Exhibit JAR-12, and in support thereof, states:

1. In Pauline Ahern's Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony, she refers to certain treatises by Roger A. Morin, Ph.D. Apparently, in response to those references, James A. Rothchild in his Surrebuttal Testimony addresses testimony Dr. Morin filed in Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's 2005 rate case in Nova Scotia, Canada, and includes as Exhibit JAR-12 his Rebuttal Testimony to the testimony of Dr. Morin in that power company case.

2. In order to be admissible, evidence must be relevant, that is, the evidence must trend to prove or disprove facts at issue. §90.041, F.S. Such evidence must have probative value, that is the evidence has some value to be evaluated by the trier of fact with regard to an issue at hand.

3. Mr. Rothchild's Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibit JAR-12 do not rebut Ms. Ahern's testimony, but is in rebuttal to testimony not presented in this case, in this industry or in this Country. Dr. Morin is not a witness in this proceeding and testimony which may have rebutted that of Dr. Morin in another proceeding is irrelevant. Mr. Rothchild did not


even include in his exhibit the testimony of Dr. Morin that he was rebutting¹.

4. As required by Rule 28-106.204 (3), F.A.C., the undersigned has consulted with Mr. Beck of the Office of Public Counsel, who does have an objection to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Utilities, Inc., requests that the Prehearing Officer strike Mr. Rothchild's Surrebuttal Testimony beginning on page 35, line 22, and continuing through page 36, line 10, and Exhibit JAR-12.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of
October, 2008, by:

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¹ Not that doing so would have made Mr. Rothchild's testimony and Exhibit JAR-12 any more relevant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail & U. S. Mail this 1st day of October, 2008, to:

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