

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Joint Petition for approval of stipulation on procedure with Office of Public Counsel, and application for limited proceeding increase in water rates in Pasco County, by Aloha Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 060122-

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In Re: Progress reports on implementation of Anion Exchange in Pasco County, filed by Aloha Utilities, Inc. pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0270-AS-WU.

Docket No. 060606-WS

JOINT REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT

Aloha Utilities and the Office of Public Counsel (sometimes hereafter referred to as the "Movants"), hereby file this Joint Request for Abatement and in support thereof state as follows:

1. These two dockets are currently under Commission-granted abatements (see Order PSC-08-0665-PCO-WS and Order No. PSC-08-0694-PCO-WU) which have assisted, in no insignificant part, in Aloha entering into a contract for the sale of its assets to the Florida Government Utilities Authority ("FGUA") on October 8, 2008. Those abatements expire on November 24, 2008. The purpose of this Request is to request an extension of the abatement until January 9, 2009, at which time the movants will advise the Commission and its staff of the status of the transaction.

2. The background of this matter is well known to the Commission and is adequately set forth in Order PSC-08-0665-PCO-WS and Order No. PSC-08-0694-PCO-WU. Currently, the transaction is in the due diligence phase, and FGUA and

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Aloha are directing their efforts to the successful completion of the transaction. In addition to due diligence, the transaction is being financed in a challenging economic atmosphere.

3. Currently, in these two dockets, two critical dates in 2008 exist. The first is the expiration of the abatement on November 24, 2008. If the abatement is allowed to expire, it will be incumbent upon Aloha to resume certain activities in Docket No. 060606-WS in furtherance of the implementation of Anion Exchange. The second critical date (also in Docket No. 060606-WS) is a December 1, 2008 testimony filing date in a matter which is essentially a sub-issue in the primary docket. (See Order No. PSC-08-0266-SC-WS and Aloha's May 21, 2008 request for a hearing regarding same). It is in the interest of Aloha, OPC, the public, and the Commission and its staff, that all activities, including those related to the show cause, in these two dockets be abated until such time as the Commission receives the update from the parties on or before January 9, 2009.


4. Aloha and FGUA are diligently working to accomplish a closing as quickly as possible and currently anticipate a closing date during the month of December, 2008. Abatement of these two dockets, and all activities therein in their entirety, will assist the parties in their efforts to finalize the sale as quickly as possible.

WHEREFORE, and in consideration of the above, the Movants respectfully request that all activities in these two dockets be abated, and that the parties be directed

to report to the Commission and its staff, no later than January 9, 2009, the posture and status of the transaction.

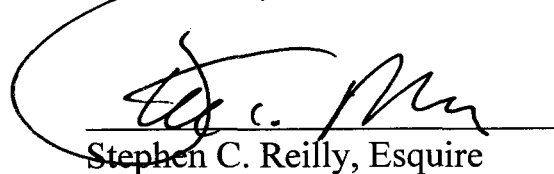
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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