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Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange,	)	
Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam,	)	
Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington	)	DATED: November 4, 2011
Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.	)	
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# AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.'S NOTICE OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM T. RENDELL

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("AUF"), gives notice of typographical errors appearing on page 16 of the Rebuttal Testimony of William T. Rendell filed on October 27, 2011. In particular, page 16 contained typographical errors on lines 11, 13 and 18. The YES witness was inadvertently referred to as Jeremy Gray, which should have been referred to as Shawn Harpin. Revised page 16 is attached. These corrections do not change any other pages of the Rebuttal Testimony of William T. Rendell.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of November, 2011.

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1	Petition for increase in rates by Progress Energy Florida, Inc., Docket No. 090079-EI,
2	Order No. PSC-10-0131-FOF-EI (Mar. 5, 2010). <sup>3</sup>

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Since the last case, AUF has made incremental salary increases in order to retain qualified personnel, many of which have opportunities to work at local municipalities or counties which have pension benefits. While the Company understands the sensitivity of salary increases, I note that this is only the second base rate request the Company has made since acquiring the systems in 2003 and 2004, and I do not believe it is fair for AUF to be treated differently from other utilities.

## The Testimony of OPC Witness Poucher and YES Witness Shawn Harpin

- 12 Q. Have your reviewed the prefiled direct testimony of OPC witness, Earl Poucher and
  13 YES Witness Shawn Harpin?
- 14 A. Yes.

- Q. Do you agree with their claims that the deterioration of real estate and home values is caused by AUF's water rates?
- 18 A. No. Neither Mr. Poucher nor Mr. Harpin is an expert in real estate foreclosures or economic forecasting, and their anecdotal claims have no merit.

## Q. Please explain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Most recently, on October 18, 2011, in Docket No. 110254-WS, the Commission approved Staff's recommendation that cited a July 2008 study by the National Regulatory Research Institute, which concluded that "competitive salary and benefits packages" are needed in order to attract and retain well-qualified utility personnel. Docket No. 110254, Oct. 7, 2011 Staff Recommendation, at 65.