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Thank you for your attention and cooperation to this request.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for increase in water rates in Franklin County by Water Management Services, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 110200-WU

FILED: December 21, 2012

CITIZENS' RESPONSE TO WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.'S REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Citizens of the State of Florida, by and through the Office of Public Counsel, file this Response to Water Management Services, Inc.'s (WMSI) Request for Protective Order filed December 18, 2012. As grounds in support of this Response, Citizens state as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006 (3)(a)2, Florida Administrative Code, Citizens file its objection to WMSI's request for confidential classification of certain portion of the Exhibits attached to Citizen Witness Schultz' testimony.
- 2. WMSI seeks confidential treatment for certain items that have been previously publically disclosed because they were provided in response to Staff's audit and for which confidential classification was not sought or was withdrawn.
- 3. Specifically, the balance sheets for Brown Management Group from 2007 through 2010 were provided as work papers in the 100104-WU Audit and publically disclosed. These balance sheets were provided to OPC in response to discovery. Although some of the accounts reported different balances for some accounts, these balance sheets are the ones provided in the Audit and publically disclosed, and thus not entitled to confidential treatment
- 4. Further, WMSI has requested confidential treatment for the 2011 balance sheet, income statement, and 2010 balance sheet statement for WMSI. Citizens object to the confidential treatment for these items because the account balances are reported on the 2011 Annual Report

filed with the Commission and the 2011 Trial balance was provided to Commission staff in the 110200-WU Audit work papers 57-1.2-2.4. As such, these items have been publically disclosed and are thus not entitled to confidential treatment. While the December 31, 2010 balance sheet reported different balances for some accounts, the balance sheet is the same as the one provided in response to Audit 110200-WU and publically disclosed.

5. Despite WMSI and BMG's claim that they intended this information to be treated as private, due to their failure to timely file request for confidential treatment within 21 days of the end of the audit, these items specified in Citizens response are not entitled to confidential treatment. Further, once the items have been publically disclosed, they are no longer entitled to confidential treatment and the Commission should deny WMSI's untimely request for confidential treatment.

WHEREFORE, Citizens requests that the Commission deny portions of WMSI's Request For Protective Order.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>CITIZENS' RESPONSE</u>

TO WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.'S REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE

ORDER has been furnished electronically and/or by U.S. Mail on this 21st day of December, 2012, to the following:

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