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Marshall Willis Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: <u>Docket No. 120209-WS, In Re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in</u> Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

Dear Mr. Willis:

The Commission recently approved a settlement between Public Counsel and Utilities, Inc. resolving numerous accounting and ratemaking adjustment issues. See Order No. PSC-14-0044-FOF-WS, issued January 22, 2014, in Docket No. 120161-WS. At the January 7th agenda conference, the Company was asked whether it would comply with all the terms of the settlement. The Company replied in the affirmative that it would and also acknowledged it could be ordered to show cause for any failure to comply with the order approving the settlement.

In this docket, OPC indicated rate base errors resulting from the Company's extensive use of roll-forward adjustments may exist. After much time and effort (nearly 95 audit hours), Commission Audit Staff confirmed that rate base errors existed. At the January 7th agenda conference, the Commission voted to correct those rate base errors. In addition, the Commission decided to allow this docket to be administratively closed upon verification by Commission staff certain actions were taken.

In light of all the roll forward adjustments and rate base errors discovered, OPC requests that within six months the Commission Staff also verify that all Commission ordered adjustments have been appropriately booked pursuant to the Commission's PAA order in this docket and the terms of the settlement agreement. Upon completion of its verification, Staff

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should advise the parties that the adjustments were made or recommend other appropriate action consistent with the understanding of the Commission and the Company at the January 7, 2014 Agenda Conference.

This would provide assurances to the customers of Utilities, Inc. of Florida, that all the Commission ordered adjustments were made.

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