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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Ni Florida, LLC; Application for a Rate Increase in Pasco & Lee Counties, Florida
Docket No. 150170-WS

Dear Ms. Stauffer,

We have been asked by management of Ni Florida, LLC to request that the Florida Public Service Commission abate all actions including waiving all statutory deadlines in the above-referenced rate proceeding for a period of 90 days from today's date.

Ni Florida, LLC has recently begun discussions with the Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") for the possible acquisition of the systems involved in this rate case by the FGUA. As such, if those negotiations bear fruit in the coming months, all effort expended in this rate proceeding will likely be wasted and the case will be closed in order to finalize a transfer. As you know, the FGUA has already acquired the majority of systems previously regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission in Pasco and Lee Counties and therefore their interest in this additional system, which is one of the last remaining PSC regulated systems in that area, is understandable.

Therefore, in order to avoid potential waste in expenditure of time and effort in this rate proceeding, we are hereby requesting that the Commission abate further action in the Ni Florida, LLC rate proceeding in Docket 150170-WS until January 22, 2016 in order to allow the utility to discover if the potential for sale of the systems to FGUA is likely. The utility agrees that by January 22, we will report back to the Commission whether the case should proceed or whether we will seek additional abatement or withdraw the case in total.

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Please give this request your full consideration and provide us with a response as quickly as possible. Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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