

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole Counties by Utilities Inc. of Florida.

DOCKET NO. 160101-WS

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CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON THEIR MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER NO. PSC 17-0147-PCO-EI BEFORE THE FULL COMMISSION

The Citizens of the State of Florida (Citizens), pursuant to Rules 25-22.0022 and 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, hereby file Citizens' Request for Oral Argument on their Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC 17-0147-PCO-WS issued May 2, 2017 in the above dockets. Citizens seek oral argument and as grounds state the following:

1. The instant motion is being filed concurrently with Citizens' Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC 17-0147-PCO-WS. The Order at issue is titled Order Denying the Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Strike Portions of Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Patrick Flynn and Denying Request for Oral Argument.
2. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376 (5), Florida Administrative Code, Reconsideration of Non-Final Orders, Oral Argument on a Motion for Reconsideration filed pursuant to this Rule may be granted at the discretion of the Commission. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.0022, Oral Argument must be sought by separate written request filed concurrently with the motion on which argument is requested, or no later than 10 days after exceptions to a recommended order are filed. As such, this request is timely filed.

3. Oral argument will assist the Commission in understanding and evaluating the mistakes of law and fact overlooked in rendering Order No. PSC 17-0147-PCO-WS. The Motion for Reconsideration at issue involves complex legal and factual matters; the resolution of these matters will be facilitated by oral argument. Specifically, oral argument will assist the Commission understand why the contested rebuttal testimony and exhibits significantly and adversely impacted Intervenors' ability to adequately prepare meaningful testimony, and adversely affected Citizens' rights in this proceeding.
4. Citizens believe that no more than 10 minutes per Party would be necessary to present Oral Argument.

WHEREFORE, the Citizens hereby request that the Commission grant their Request for Oral Argument on the Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC 17-0147-PCO-WS.

Respectfully Submitted

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