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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for Original Certificate Of Authorization and Initial Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service In Duval, Baker and Nassau Counties, Florida by FIRST COAST REGIONAL UTILITIES, INC.

DOCKET NO. 20190168-WS

FIRST COAST REGIONAL UTILITIES INC'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

First Coast Regional Utilities Inc., (First Coast) by and through undersigned counsel, hereby requests oral argument on First Coast's Motion for Partial Summary Final Order, and would state:

1. In this original certificate case, JEA has taken the position that certain franchise agreements characterized as "exclusive" are the determinative authority as to the utility provider of service in the areas covered within. JEA has taken the position that if the PSC granted the application in this case, that such an order would "violate" those exclusive agreements. First Coast's position is that the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over its application and the lawful authority to review the application under the Commission's rules.

2. First Coast has requested summary disposition of this issue of law by and through its Motion for Partial Summary Final Order filed on this date. This issue is obviously critical issue in this case, JEA's position in this issue has been revealed by its filings to be somewhat new and novel, and oral argument will assist the Commission and its staff in perceiving to the fullest extent the positions of the parties and the matter at hand. First Coast respectfully suggests that 10 minutes per side be afforded both First Coast and JEA to argue their positions and answer questions, if any. WHEREFORE, First Coast respectfully requests that the parties be granted 10 minutes each to address the Motion for Partial Summary Final Order and the response thereto, and to answer any questions regarding the motion.

Respectfully submitted this 15st day of September, 2020.

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