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COUNTY: WASHINGTON

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SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT REINING

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2 | Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 | A. Robert R. Reining, Jr., Department of Environmental Regulation, 160
4 | Governmental Center, Pensacola, FL 32501.

5 | Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and
6 | experience.

7 | A. I received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from George
8 | Washington University in 1958 and a master of science degree in civil
9 | engineering from the University of Massachusetts in 1967. Since 1975, I am
10 | a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts (#27928), and also in
11 | Florida since 1984 (#35134).

12 | Q. By whom are you presently employed?

13 | A. Currently, I am employed by the Department of Environmental Regulation.

14 | Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental
15 | Regulation and in what capacity?

16 | A. I have been employed with the DER since 1985.

17 | Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of
18 | Environmental Regulation?

19 | A. My responsibilities include Domestic Waste Section Supervisor, Northwest
20 | District.

21 | Q. Are you familiar with Southern States Utilities, Inc.'s wastewater
22 | systems in Washington County particularly the Sunny Hills system?

23 | A. Yes.

24 | Q. Does the utility have current operating or construction permits from the
25 | Department of Environmental Regulation?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Please state the issuance date and the expiration date of the operating
3 permits.

4 A. The date of issuance was September 28, 1990 and the expiration date is
5 September 24, 1995.

6 Q. Please state whether the permit is a temporary operating permit, and if
7 so, please describe the permit terms.

8 A. It is not a temporary operating permit. It is a regular 5 year
9 operation permit.

10 Q. Are the plants in compliance with its permits?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Are the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities
13 adequate to serve present customers based on permitted capacity?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are the treatment and disposal facilities located in accordance with
16 Rule 17-600, Florida Administrative Code?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Has the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) required the
19 utility to take any action so as to minimize possible adverse effects
20 resulting from odors, noise, aerosol drift or lighting?

21 A. Construction permit requirement - see F.A.C. 17-600.715(1)(e) - No
22 reported problems.

23 Q. Do the pump stations and lift stations meet DER requirements with
24 respect to location, reliability and safety?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 17-602,
2 Florida Administrative Code?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment, collection, and disposal
5 facilities satisfactory?
6 A. Yes - Based on information currently available to this office.
7 Q. Does the facility meet all applicable technology based effluent
8 limitations (TBELS) and water quality based effluent limitations (WQBELS)?
9 A. Not applicable.
10 Q. Does the facility meet the effluent disposal requirements of Sections
11 17-600.500s and 17-610, Florida Administrative Code?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Has the Sunny Hills System of Southern States Utilities, Inc. been the
14 subject of any Department of Environmental Regulation enforcement action
15 within the past two years?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Do you have anything further to add?
18 A. No, I do not.
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