IN THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Florida Cities Water Company,) FPSC Case No. 950387-SU
a Florida Corporation,)
Applicant/Appellant.)
v.)
) DIRECTIONS TO CLERK
State of Florida, Florida Public)
Service Commission,)
Appellee)
)

Applicant/Appellant, Florida Cities Water Company, directs the clerk to include the following items in the original record:

- 1. All those items stated in Rule 9.200(a)(1), Fla. R. App. P., i.e., the original documents, exhibits, and transcripts of proceedings; and
- 2. All those items set forth in Section 120.57(1)(b)6. a-i, Florida Statutes (copy attached hereto).
- 3. If not already to be included in the record pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 above, please specifically include:
 - a) A statement of matters officially recognized (Section 120.57(1)(b)6.c), i.e., pursuant to stipulation, all Commission orders (Final Order p. 6, paragraph 8);
 - b) The test year request letter and test year approval letter;
 - c) The PAA order; and

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d) FCWC's Notice of Issuance of FDEP Letter of Authorization or in the Alternative,

Motion to Accept FDEP Letter of Authorization into Record, filed on July 30, 1996.

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING



DATED this Its day of October, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished on this 1 day of ctoler, 1996 by hand delivery to Mr. Ralph Jaeger, Esquire, Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and by regular U.S. Mail to the following:

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notice of appeal if the commission elects to request the assignment of a hearing officer. In the request of any agency, the division shall assign a hearing officer with due regard to the expertise required for the particular matter. The referring agency shall take no further action with respect to the formal proceeding, except as a party litigant, as long as the division has jurisdiction over the formal proceeding. Any party may request the disqualification of the hearing officer by filing an affidavit with the division prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating the grounds with particularity.

4. All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of facts and orders, to file exceptions to any order or hearing officer's recommended order, and to be represented by counsel. When appropriate, the general public may be given an opportunity to present oral or written communications. If the agency proposes to consider such material, then all parties shall be given an opportunity to

cross-examine or challenge or rebut it. All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by a party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature of a party, a party's attorney, or a party's qualified representative constitutes a certificate that he or she has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the hearing officer, upon motion or the officer's own initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attornev's fee.

6. The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:

a. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings;

b. Evidence received or considered;

c. A statement of matters officially recognized;

d. Questions and proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon;

e. Proposed findings and exceptions;

f. Any decision, opinion, proposed or recommended order, or report by the officer presiding at the hearing;

g. All staff memoranda or data submitted to the hearing officer during the hearing or prior to its disposition, after notice of the submission to all parties, except communications by advisory staff as permitted under s. 120.66(1), if such communications are public records;

h. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication pursuant to s. 120.66(2); and

i. The official transcript.

7. The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding, and, on the request of any party, it shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost. In any proceeding before a hearing officer initiated by a consumptive use permit applicant pursuant to subparagraph 14., the applicant shall bear the cost of accurately and completely preserving all testimony and providing full or partial transcripts to the water management district. At the request of any other party, full or partial transcripts shall be provided at no more than cost.

8. Findings of fact shall be based exclusively on the evidence of record and on matters officially recognized.

9. Except as provided in subparagraph 13., the hearing officer shall complete and submit to the agency and all parties a recommended order consisting of the officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, interpretation of administrative rules, and recommended penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law or agency rule to be contained in the final order. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order.

10. The agency may adopt the recommended order as the final order of the agency. The agency in its final order may reject or modify the conclusions of law and interpretation of administrative rules in the recommended order. The agency may not reject or modify the findings of fact, including findings of fact that form the basis for an agency statement, unless the agency first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with essential requirements of law. The agency may accept the recommended penalty in a recommended order, but may not reduce or increase it without a review of the complete record and without stating with particularity its reasons therefor in the order, by citing to the record in justifying the action. When there is an appeal, the court in its discretion may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party if the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, meritless, or an abuse of the appellate process or that the agency action which precipitated the appeal was a gross abuse of the agency's discretion.

11. If the hearing officer assigned to a hearing becomes unavailable, the division shall assign another hearing officer who shall use any existing record and receive any additional evidence or argument, if any, which the new hearing officer finds necessary.

12. A hearing officer who is a member of an agency head may participate in the formulation of the final order of the agency, provided he or she has completed all duties as Fearing officer.

13. In any application for a license or merger pursuant to title XXXVIII which is referred by the agency to the division for hearing pursuant to this section, the hearing officer shall complete and submit to the agency and to all parties a written report consisting of findings of fact and rulings on evidentiary matters. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the report.