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DATE: December 11, 1996

Mary Bane, Deputy Exectuive Director TO:

FROM: Bobbie Reyes, Division of Legal Services

Connie McCaskill, Division of Water and Wastewater

Revised Staff Recommendation - December 17th Agenda Conference RE:

At the December 17, 1996 Agenda Conference, item number 23, which is staff's recommendation to close Docket No. 960878-WS - Proposed rate reduction to reflect a decrease in purchased water and wastewater cost to FPSC-regulated utilities by Pasco County, is to be heard. Staff would like to modify the recommendation to include a statement that all of the utilities have responded in writing to the Commission's order, with the exception of Betmar Utilities, Inc., who has responded by actually implementing the reduction in purchased water and/or wastewater costs. Therefore, no further action with respect to Betmar Utilities, Inc. is necessary.

As set out in the Administrative Procedures Manual (APM) Section 2.11(b)(3) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) 1607, any attempt to revise or supplement a recommendation after the filing deadline will normally result in an automatic deferral of the agenda item. However, written justification for not deferring such item will be considered by the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director/Technical on a case-by-case basis.

Since the change to staff's recommendation is made for purposes of clarification and has no substantive effect on the recommendation, staff requests that the item not be

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

DOCKET NO. 960878-WS DECEMBER 5, 1996 REVISED DECEMBER 11, 1996

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, this docket should be closed. (McCASKILL, REYES)

STAFF ANALYSIS: By Order No. PSC-96-1226-FOF-WS, issued September 27, 1996, the Commission ordered Hudson Utilities, Inc., Forest Hills Utilities, Inc., Mad Hatter Utilities, Inc., Aloha Utilities, Inc., Deltona Utility Consultants d/b/a Southern States Utilities, Inc., and Betmar Utilities, Inc., to show cause in writing why their rates should not be decreased to reflect the reduction in purchased bulk water and/or wastewater costs to bulk water and/or wastewater customers in Pasco County. Hudson Utilities, Inc., Forest Hills Utilities, Inc., Mad Hatter Utilities, Inc., Aloha Utilities, Inc., Deltona Utility Consultants d/b/a Southern States Utilities, Inc. have all responded in writing to the Order to Show Cause. Betmar Utilities, Inc. has voluntarily implemented the reduction in rates. Therefore, no further action with respect to Betmar Utilities, Inc. is necessary. For administrative ease of processing each utility's response, staff recommends that this docket be closed. Separate dockets will be opened to address each utility's response individually.