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March 3, 1997

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 950495-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of Citizens' Request for Oral Argument.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a rate increase for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 950495-WS

Filed: March 3, 1997

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

The Citizens of Florida ("Citizens"), by and through Jack Shreve, Public Counsel, request the Florida Public Service Commission to set oral argument on the motion for reconsideration by the full Commission filed today by the Citizens. The motion deals with an issue never before decided by the Commission: whether the time limit set forth in the Commission's rules for filing motions for reconsideration applies even in those instances where the Commission has no jurisdiction to entertain motions for reconsideration. Oral

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argument will assist the Commissioners in deciding this new issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by

U.S. Mail or *hand-delivery to the following party representatives on this 3rd day of

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