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By copy of this letter, this testimony has been provided to the parties on the attached service list.

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1		REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF FRANK SEIDMAN
2		BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
3		REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE
4	2	AND FOR INCREASE IN SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES
5		IN LAKE COUNTY
6		BY LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.
7		DOCKET NO. 960444-WU
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9	Q.	Please state your name, profession and address.
10	A.	My name is Frank Seidman. I am President of
11		Management and Regulatory Consultants, Inc.,
12		consultants in the utility regulatory field. My
13		mailing address is P.O. Box 13427, Tallahassee, FL
14		32317-3427.
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16	Q.	Are you the same Frank Seidman that submitted
17		direct testimony in this proceeding?
18	A.	Yes I am.
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20	Q.	What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?
21	A.	The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to respond
22		to the testimony of Citizen's witness Larkin and
23		Commission Staff witness Monroe as it regards the
24		subject of used and useful and the determination of
25		used and useful plant for this utility.

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1 RESPONSE TO TESTIMONY OF MR. LARKIN

- Q. On pages six and seven of his prefiled testimony,

 Mr. Larkin concludes that Mr. Rasmussen and I are

 at odds with each other regarding the benefits of

 the interconnection transmission mains. Is that a
- 6 correct conclusion?
- No. There is apparently a misunderstanding on the 7 Α. part of Mr. Larkin as to the part played by the 8 interconnection transmission mains. My testimony 9 clearly states that "several of the systems have 10 been interconnected such that there are now six 11 systems serving the eighteen subdivisions." I never 12 13 stated nor implied that the interconnection mains would result in just one integrated system. But 14 in the interconnection mains being 15 investment considered in this proceeding has allowed the 16 utility to reduce the number of individual systems 17 from nine to six. As a result, four wells that were 18 operating independently are now interconnected with 19 other wells to provide additive capacity to meet 20 demand and backup capacity to improve reliability. 21 These benefits are in addition to providing the 22 serve 23 utility with the ability to the EDB contamination areas. I am in complete agreement as 24

- to the benefits of these mains as summarized in Mr.
- 2 Rasmussen's testimony.

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- 4 Q. Does your calculation of used and useful
- j ignore the interconnections as Mr. Larkin
- 6 states on page 7 of his testimony?
- 7 A. No. Had I ignored the interconnections, I would
- 8 have had to prepare a used and useful analysis of
- 9 nine systems rather than six systems.

- 11 Q. On page 8 of his testimony, Mr. Larkin suggests
- that the Commission should accept its staff's used
- and useful methodology because it is a methodology
- that has consistently been accepted in the past. Do
- 15 you agree?
- 16 A. No. Mr. Larkin is venturing into a very sensitive
- area, one which may be beyond his expertise. There
- is no used and useful methodology that has been
- 19 consistently accepted in the past. If there was,
- 20 the Commission would easily have been able to set
- that methodology out in a rule. Instead, the
- 22 Commission has grappled with this subject for five
- years. After numerous public workshops, two
- rulemaking dockets and many days of testimony, it
- still has not committed used and useful methodology

to a rule. And now Staff witness Monroe, whose testimony I will address later, indicates that staff is once again working on a recommendation for a rule on used and useful methodology. Clearly, there is no cut and dry, consistent used and useful methodology. Each system must be separately evaluated.

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- Q. Even if there were some consistent methodology, is that reason to ignore your approach?
- No. Even if there were a consistent approach, it 11 Α. does not mean it fits every situation. I have 12 13 pointed out that the approach taken by staff does not capture the actual physical requirements for 14 meeting demand for this system. The used and useful 15 calculation is not an end in itself. It is a means 16 to an end and that end is to determine, as fairly 17 as possible, the amount of plant that is used and 18 useful in serving the public, and the investment on 19 which the utility should have an opportunity to 20 recover and earn a return. If the used and useful 21 methodology does not result in that end, it should 22 not be used. 23

- On page 8 of his testimony, Mr. Larkin states that
 you proposed only a different methodology, but did
 not point out any staff errors. Is that a correct
 conclusion?
- No. First of all, what I am proposing is not a 5 Α. different methodology. Ιt is the methodology 6 proposed by the Commission for small water systems 7 facilities with storage other than 8 no 9 hydropneumatic tanks or with insufficient storage buffer instantaneous demands. The 10 to its 11 methodology was proposed in Order No. PSC-93-0455-12 NOR-WS, Notice of Rulemaking, page 106. In that Order, for systems lacking significant storage 13 capacity, the recommended formula for determining 14 used and useful supply, treatment and pumping plant 15 was (Instantaneous Demand + Margin Reserve)/Firm 16 Reliable Capacity. The Order also included as an 17 18 alternate formula, (Maximum Day Demand + Fire Flow + Margin Reserve)/Firm Reliable Capacity. 19 20 used Instantaneous Demand because I believe it 21 better captures the characteristic instantaneous peaks which the system must be able to serve. The 22 Staff, in its recommendation for the PAA used 23 Maximum Day plus Fire Flow. However, neither the 24 formulas used by staff nor by the utility in its 25

MFR are adjusted for the "Firm Reliable Capacity" of the systems. That is the major reason for differences in the results I calculated from those calculated by the Staff. Regardless of how demand is expressed, capacity should reflect only firm reliable capability. The first thing I stated in my testimony regarding the determination of supply and pumping capacity for each system was that it must be based on firm reliable capacity. That is, it must be anticipated that demand can be met with the largest well out of service. Although I did not specifically state that ignoring firm reliable capacity was an error, it is. And if staff does nothing else but make that change, it would have a significant impact on the used and useful calculations.

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Q. Why is this an error and not a difference in methodologies?

A. Because the staff and the Commission have recognized "Firm Reliable Capacity" as a governing factor, regardless of methodology and regardless of plant category, but especially with regard to wells and well pumps. The Commission summed up its position quite succinctly in Order No. PSC-96-1320-FOF-WS, stating, "We find that the use of firm

reliable capacities in used and useful calculations
for wells, high service pumps, and water treatment
components is appropriate, because it provides
utilities with an economic incentive to construct
redundancy consistent with safe standards." (see 96
FPSC 10:34).

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- Q. Mr. Larkin, at page 8 of his testimony, raises a question as to whether the methodology you propose has been accepted in the past for a Class B or Class C utility. Would you please address that comment?
- A. Yes. At my deposition on August 8, 1997, 13 methodology indicated that the of using 14 instantaneous demand had been accepted 15 previous case. The question was raised as 16 17 whether it was for a Class C or Class B utility. My recollection was that it was for a Class B utility, 18 and after checking, I can confirm that it was. The 19 real question though is, why should anyone care? 20 Water and wastewater utilities are classified as 21 "A", "B" or "C", based on levels of annual 22 operating revenue, for the purpose of applying the 23 Uniform System of Accounts. These classifications 24 determine the degree of detail required 25

accounting records and have nothing to do with the physical characteristics of the system. Whether a water system has one dollar or \$1 million in revenues, if it provides service directly from its wells with no meaningful amount of storage it must have sufficient firm reliable capacity in its wells and pumps to meet instantaneous demand. That is all that is at issue with regard to the evaluation of used and useful in this case.

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RESPONSE TO TESTIMONY OF MR. MONROE

- Q. On pages 1 and 2 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe indicates that the Commission's methods of determining used and useful are not covered in the statutes or rules. Do you agree?
 - Ιt is important observation. As Τ A. Yes. an previously indicated in my responses to Mr. Larkin's testimony, the Commission, after years of workshops and hearings, has not issued any rules for determining used and useful. Mr. Monroe also states that staff is working on updating the rules for that purpose. However, Staff's position is already on record in a formal recommendation to the Commission for rules to define and determine recommendation, used and useful. That dated

December 31. 1992, was the basis for the Notification of Rulemaking issued March 24, 1993, a complete update of Chapter 25-30, F.A.C. The Commission did not act on the portion of the recommendation regarding used and useful. However, in subsequent drafts and in workshops related has not veered from thereto, the staff recommendation regarding the formulas for instantaneous demand for systems lacking storage capability.

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- Q. Mr. Monroe also indicates that a rule governing margin reserve is currently being challenged in the First District Court of Appeal. Is that correct?
- 15 A. No. At the time Mr. Monroe prepared his testimony,
 16 that rule was being challenged at the Department of
 17 Administrative Hearings (DOAH). DOAH has since
 18 issued a final order declaring the margin reserve
 19 rule invalid. The Commission is now appealing the
 20 DOAH order at the First District Court of Appeal.

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Q. Also, at page 2 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe states
that a used and useful adjustment may be required
when design capacity is not being fully utilized

1 because load is less than expected at buildout or 2 design capacity. Do you agree with that statement? No. Prudent management will design plant to meet 3 Α. load expectations based on the best information 4 5 available at the time the decision is made. That is 6 all that can and should be expected. Should load, 7 determined on that basis, be less than expected, it 8 should not result in an adjustment in used and 9 useful. If it does, then it is a penalty based on hindsight, not an adjustment reflecting prudently 10 11 invested plant, used and useful in serving the public. 12 Water and wastewater utilities are 13 regulated monopolies. They cannot pick and choose 14 their market. They are obligated to be ready to 15 serve reasonably anticipated load. If Mr. Monroe's 16 statement is meant to be a generic definition of "used and useful adjustment" 17 the term 18 incorrect. If it is meant to identify the basis for used and useful adjustments to well and pumping 19 20 capacity in this particular case, it is 21 inappropriate. There has been no indication that the load on these facilities is less than was 22 expected at buildout or design load. 23

Q. Beginning at line 25 at page 2 of his testimony,
and continuing through line 4 of page 4, Mr. Monroe
provides what would appear to be a statement of the
factors considered by staff when calculating used
and useful percentages for water utilities, in
general. Do you agree with that characterization?

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A. No. Rather than describing factors considered, it that Mr. Monroe describes only the appears components of the Staff's formulas de jour. This appears to be an attempt to codify non-rule used of useful policy outside а proceeding. In addition, some of the formulas described are at odds with formulas previously referenced Staff December 31, recommendation and the March 24, 1993 Commission Notice of Rulemaking. They lack the detailed variations associated with differing system characteristics. As I previously indicated in response to Mr. Larkin's testimony, if formulation of used and useful was that simple, the Commission would have already set out a rule instead of grappling with the issue for the last five years. If, however, Mr. Monroe is merely trying to provide a simple summary of what staff considers, as a segue to the remainder of his

testimony, it is overly simplistic, and as a
result, misleading.

- Q. At page 4 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe summarizes
 how used and useful was calculated in the PAA, for
 wells and pumping plant. Do you have any comment on
 his summary?
- 8 A. Yes. The formula utilized by Mr. Monroe, maximum daily demand plus fire flow plus margin reserve 9 10 divided by permitted plant capacity, is purported to be the method accepted as Commission policy in 11 the vast majority of Class A and B utility cases. 12 First, I disagree that there is any established 13 Commission policy. Nor has there 14 been distinction regarding used and useful analysis on 15 the basis of revenue classification. Formulas for 16 used and useful are still being determined on a 17 case by case basis. Second, the Commission has 18 previously accepted "firm reliable capacity" as the 19 20 denominator, as I have previously indicated in my response to Mr. Larkin's testimony. Again, this 21 simple correction would have a significant impact 22 the staff's resulting used and useful 23 on percentages. In addition, "firm reliable capacity" 24 is the basis for determining capacity in the 25

staff's December 31, 1992 recommendation and in its
May 12, 1995 proposed redraft of used and useful
rules.

- 5 Q. Mr. Monroe also states that the method in the PAA
 6 is consistent with that of LUSI in its MFR. Can you
 7 comment on that?
- He is essentially correct in that both utilize A. 8 9 maximum day demand plus fire flow. But he is not correct in saying that the PAA method is consistent 10 with the MFRs; it is the other way around. LUSI, in 11 preparing its MFRs, contacted staff and asked what 12 method to use. LUSI simply used the method 13 recommended by Staff without investigating further. 14 For that reason, the MFRs are consistent with the 15 16 Staff, at least with regard to the methodology. There are differences in interpretation 17 of capacity, but most importantly, neither reflect the 18 19 Firm Reliable Capacity of the systems. So if they are consistent, they are consistently wrong and 20 21 should be corrected. LUSI, in submitting its MFR under a PAA procedure, made simple calculations of 22 used and useful based on its general understanding 23 of the Commission's approach. However, when the 24 company elected to protest the PAA, it considered 25 26 it prudent to have an independent analysis of used

and useful prepared. Having prior knowledge of the system, the first questions I asked were, did you remove the largest well from service and did you consider the instantaneous demand on the systems.

My testimony and exhibits take those factors into account.

- Q. At page 5 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe implies that used and useful should not be based on instantaneous demand because DEP permits use peak day demand for system capacity. Do you agree?
- A. No. This is faulty reasoning. The peak day capacity used by DEP is simply the gallons per minute capacity of the well pumps multiplied by 12 hours. Regardless of how the capacity is stated on the permit, DEP starts with the gallon per minute rating of the well pump as determined in field tests when placed in service. The DEP permit style is the same whether the system has storage or does not; that is, it states the capacity in terms of gallons per day. The Commission cannot simply ignore that these systems must meet instantaneous demand directly from the wells just because the style of the DEP permit does not, on its face,

specify the gallon per minute rating of the wells upon which its gallon per day capacity is based.

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- Q. At page 5 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe states that he has not found any past cases where instantaneous demand was used. Are there any?
- I have not surveyed prior cases. Normally, such 7 Α. are not discussed in the order details reviewing the filings would be prohibitive. I do 9 know that I have used instantaneous demand in a 10 prior case. In Docket No. 910020-WS, 11 In re: Petition for rate increase in Pasco County by 12 Utilities, Inc. of Florida, I proposed that used 13 and useful be based on instantaneous demand plus 14 fire flow. That system was similar to the systems 15 in this case, in that water was pumped directly 16 from the wells without any significant storage. In 17 January 31, 1992 recommendation the 18 its Commission, staff stated: 19

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"However, the following changes, testified to
by Mr. Seidman, should be made. The analysis
should be made using gallons per minute
instead of gallons per day because of the
instantaneous customer demand which the wells

nust provide. (TR 724) Fire flow of 500
gallons per minute should be allowed. (TR 693)
because the system has fire hydrants and is
required to provide fire protection."

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Q. Did the Commission accept the staff's recommendation?

The Commission did not address it in Final Order 8 Α. No. 25821 because the Commission found that the 9 rate base to which the used and useful percentage 10 would apply was not supported in the record. 11 However, support for that rate base was provided in 12 a subsequent limited proceeding. The rate base 13 allowed in that proceeding (Order No. PSC-93-0430-14 FOF-WS. 3/23/93) reflects the used and useful 15 percentage recommended by staff in its January 31, 16 17 1992 recommendation. Ι think it is а bit disingenuous for staff to disassociate itself from 18 the use of instantaneous demand when warranted by 19 system characteristics, when it has agreed with 20 that approach in the past and when the method I 21 have used, including the chart used to approximate 22 instantaneous demand, is based on the methodology 23 24 it has, itself, proposed.

1 Q. You have previously stated that if the staff does
2 nothing else, it should correct its formula to
3 reflect firm reliable capacity in the denominators.
4 Have you calculated what used and used percentages
5 would result if the denominators in staff's
6 formulas were corrected to show the firm reliable
7 capacity?

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Yes. I have prepared Exhibit (FS-8) , to show Α. the results. Page 1 of this exhibit comparative summary of the used and useful percentages A) as calculated in the PAA, B) as calculated in the PAA but corrected for firm reliable capacity, C) as calculated in LUSI's MFR, D) as calculated in the MFR but corrected for firm reliable capacity, and E) as calculated from my direct testimony and exhibits. Page 2 of the exhibit is my worksheet showing how I corrected the staff calculations. Page 3 of the exhibit provides a graphic comparison, with my results, of the PAA calculations before and after the correction for firm reliable capacity. As you can see, the used & useful percentages prepared by Staff increase significantly when firm reliable capacity is taken into consideration. In fact, for Systems 4 and 6,

the results are greater than my calculations of used & useful.

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- Q. At page 5 of his testimony, Mr. Monroe takes issue with my use of repression adjustments rather than actual flows. Do you agree?
- No. In this case, LUSI contends that test year 7 Α. gallons per customer in some systems are abnormally 8 high as a result of rates being low. LUSI has 9 argued, based on its experience, that those levels 10 will drop significantly if a rate increase is 11 approved. In the PAA, staff agreed, and for 12 ratemaking purposes, test year gallon sales were 13 reduced. In effect, LUSI and staff agree that 14 during the period new rates would be in effect, the 15 per customer demand levels will be less than those 16 actually experienced during the test year. If that 17 why shouldn't the case, used & useful is 18 calculations also reflect the anticipated reduced 19 gallons per customer demand levels? That is all 20 21 that my use of the repression adjustment does.

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- 23 Q. Does that complete your rebuttal testimony?
- 24 A. Yes it does.

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Exhibit (FS-8)
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Lake Utility Services, Inc.
Comparative Summary of Used & Useful Results

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
				LUSI	LUSI
	1	PAA		MFR	(Seidman)
		Corrected	,	Corrected	based on
		for	LUSI	for	Inst. Demand
SYSTEM SYSTEM	PAA	Firm Rel Cap.	MFR	Firm Rel Cap.	Tables
System No.1 - Clermont I, Amber Hill, Lake Ridge Club	67.38%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
System No.2 - Clermont II	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
System No.3 - Preston Cove, Crescent Bay, Crescent West,	54.76%	76.66%	53.00%	88.23%	100.00%
System No.4 - Oranges, Vista	37.97%	100.00%	32.00%	82.37%	88.14%
System No.5 - Four Lakes	36.48%	72.95%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
System No.6 - Lake Saunders	41.03%	82.06%	59.00%	23.66%	68.41%

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Lake Utility Services, Inc.

Used and Useful Based on Max Day + Fireflow DEP Well Operating Hours =
Based on PSC Staff Assumptions but with Largest Well Out of Service (Firm Reliable Capacity).

		Rated Pump Capacity	DEP Permit Capacity	Max Day	Fire Flow	Margin Reserve	Excess Unacc.	Total Demand	Used & Useful w/FRC	Staff (PAA) Proposed.	LUSI (Seidman Proposed
System	Well identification	gpm	GPD	GPD	GPD	GPD	GPD	GPD	%	%	%
No. 1	Clermont I, well no.1	236	169,920							1	"-
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	Amber Hill	750	540,000	l							İ
	Lake Ridge Club	650	468,000								İ
	Total Capacity	1,690	1,216,800								
	Less: Largest well out of service	(750)	(540,000)				İ			}	
	Firm Reliable Capacity	940	676,800	699,000	120,000	6,319	0	825,319	100.00%	67.83%	100.009
No. 2	Clermont II, well no.1	40	28,800		120,000			020,010			
	Clermont II, well no.2	30	21,600								
	Total Capacity	70	50,400								
	Less: Largest well out of service	(40)	(28,800)								
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	Firm Reliable Capacity	30	21,600	53,000	0	0	0	53,000	100.00%	100.00%	100.009
No. 3	Crescent Bay	700	504,000								
	Crescent West	600	432,000								
	Crescent Hills	600	432,000								
	Highland Point	550	396,000								
	Total Capacity	2,450	1,764,000								
	Less: Largest well out of service	(700)								<u> </u>	
	Firm Reliable Capacity	1,750	1,260,000	817,000	120,000	45,660	(16,744)	965,916	76.66%	54.76%	100.009
No. 4	Oranges	530	381,600								
	Vistas, well no.1	1,000	720,000							į	
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	Firm Reliable Capacity	530	381,600	290,000	120,000	10,296	(2,057)	418,239	100.00%	37.97%	88.149
No. 5	Four Lakes, well no.1	105	75,600								
	Four Lakes, well no.2	105	75,600							1	
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	Less: Largest well out of service	(105)	(75,600)								
	Firm Reliable Capacity	105	75,600	52,000	0	6,947	(3,795)	55,152	72.95%	36.48%	100.009
No. 6	Lake Saunders, well no.1	300	216,000				- 21.22/	-5,104			
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	Firm Reliable Capacity	300	216,000	57,000	120,000	1,042	(782)	177,260	82.06%	41.03%	68.419
umulative	Firm Reliable Capacity - All Systems	3,655	2,631,600								

LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC. COMPARISON OF USED & USEFUL RESULTS

