## State of Florida



## Public Service Commission

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DATE: September 10, 1998

TO: Chairman Julia L. Johnson

FROM: Ralph Jaeger, Senior Attorney

RE: Docket No. 950495-WS - Application for rate increase and increase in service availability charges by Southern States Utilities, Inc. 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.

At the September 1st Agenda Conference, the Commission directed staff to meet with the parties and attempt to work out a settlement on the remand of the Commission's final order in this docket. Also, the Commission directed that a special agenda in the week of October 12-16 be scheduled to consider all the remand issues (Special Agenda now scheduled for October 16, 1998). Staff had originally scheduled most of the remand issues to be considered at the October 20th Agenda, but when that agenda was canceled, the recommendation was rescheduled to be heard at the November 3d Agenda Conference. In contemplation of a November 3d Agenda, staff had planned to file its recommendation on October 22, 1998.

Now, however, with the scheduling of the Special Agenda on October 16, 1998, twelve days (normal time for filing) prior to that agenda falls on the 4th (a Sunday). Staff is still negotiating with the parties to reach a settlement and needs as much time as possible to file its recommendation on this remand. Given the complexities of this case, staff requests that it be allowed to file its recommendation on October 7, 1998.

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