## **DEEP CREEK**



August 3, 1999

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2530 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 110
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket # 950495 Docket # 980744-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo:

The Members of the Board of Directors of the Deep Creek Civic Association have discussed the matter of Florida Water Services proposed New Settlement Offer and the Proposal for Disposition of Mandate on Remand and do support the Florida Water Services in this matter.

The Deep Creek Civic Association represents over 1100 members and serves the area of over 6000 residents. This issue has been sent out to the membership by means of our local newsletter. They have been advised that we intend to reply to this matter once our attorney has determined that there will be no negative effect on our community.

Our position is to urge the Florida Public Service Commission to approve the new Offer of Settlement and the Proposal of Disposition of Mandate on Remand. According to our understanding, the essence of the proposals are:

1) There will be no surcharges. The amount due in surcharges will be treated as an investment in the next rate case, payable over a 30 year period.

2) Only 1/2 of the rates involved in the District Court of Appeals' reversal would be put in effect. This prospective increase would be approximately 1.7% under the settlement proposal.

3) In the proposal, The Company has agreed not to file a rate case for a 3 year period which would mean mid 2002, with the exclusion of the automatic cost of living index findings.

Done 8/11/99

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We hope that this letter will serve as a representation to you of the position taken by our Board of Directors in support of the Florida Water Services proposal.

Yours truly,

Leslie Harris, DCCA President
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cc: Florida Water Services