

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Request by St. Johns County,)
Florida for declaratory statement)
concerning a special service)
availability contract with United)
Water Florida, Inc.)

DOCKET NO. 010704-SU

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED RULING

St. Johns County, Florida (County), by and through its undersigned attorney, pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, F.A.C., files this Motion for Expedited Ruling and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Today the County has filed a petition requesting that the Commission issue a declaratory statement as to whether a proposed service availability agreement between St. Johns County, Florida and United Water Florida, Inc. requires prior Commission approval as a "special service availability contract" and whether the proposed agreement and associated wastewater collection facilities lease agreement are acceptable to the Commission.

2. Pursuant to Rule 28-105, F.A.C., and §120.565, F.S., the Commission must act upon this petition within 90 days of the date of filing.

3. It takes significant time to comply with the requirements of §197.3632, F.S.: securing the consent of the County Property Appraiser and County Tax Collector; executing contracts with the County Property Appraiser, County Tax Collector and a consultant for the preparation of the County non ad valorem assessment rolls; holding a series of public hearings; preparing a bid package for the design and construction of the wastewater collection facilities

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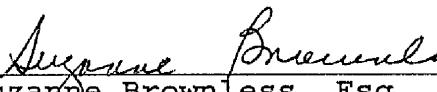
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needed to serve the MSD; financing; preparing numerous ordinances and resolutions to implement the financing/special assessments; and preparing §381.00655, Florida Statute, notices requiring connection to the completed force main.

4. Ad valorem tax invoices must be in the hands of MSD residents by October, 2001. All activities listed above must be completed in advance of that date.

5. For these reasons the County requests that the Commission act as quickly as possible on the County's petition.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of May, 2001 by:


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