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#### HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayo Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 020071-WS, Application of Utilities, Inc. of Florida for a rate increase

Our File No.: 30057.40

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are an original and one (1) copy of Utilities, Inc. of Florida's Objections Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Interrogatories and Objections to Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Very truly\yours.

Of Counsel

cc: Charles J. Beck, Deputy Public Counsel (w/enclosures)

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of	)	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	)	
for a rate increase in Marion, Orange,	)	Docket No. 020071-WS
Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole Counties	)	
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# <u>UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS' THIRTEENTH SET</u> <u>OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 177 & 187)</u>

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA (hereinafter "UIF"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files the following Objections to Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 177 & 187), and in support thereof states:

INTERROGATORY NO. 177: For purposes of this request please refer to Citizens' Interrogatory 119. Please explain in detail why Andrew Dopuch, David Carter, and Carl Wenz were terminated and provide their last known address.

OBJECTION: UIF has previously provided reasons why Mr. Dopuch is no longer employed by UIF or its parent, Utilities, Inc. and stated that none of the costs of his disassociation with UIF or its parent, Utilities, Inc., were charged to ratepayers. Similarly, none of the costs associated with the terminations of Messrs. Carter or Wenz were charged to rate payers or to any system. Citizens' repeated requests for information of this type are nothing more than fishing expeditions. The information sought is irrelevant and immaterial to this proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. City of Miami v. Florida Public Service Commission, 226 So. 2d 217 (Fla. 1969).

## INTERROGATORY NO. 187: Merger.

paid to employees of Utilities, Inc. in connection with the merger with Nuon for each year through DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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December 2002. Please indicate the amount of the payment, to whom the payment was made, and

the company the executive worked for.

(b) Of the amounts identified in response to (a) please indicate how much was charged to each

system during the test year and the account the amounts were charged to.

OBJECTION: UIF has previously stated that none of the costs of change in control or

executive termination payments were charged to ratepayers or to any system. Citizens' repeated

requests for information of this type are nothing more than fishing expeditions. The information

sought is irrelevant and immaterial to this proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the

discovery of admissible evidence. City of Miami v. Florida Public Service Commission, 226 So. 2d

217 (Fla. 1969).

Respectfully submitted on this 14th day of March, 2003, by:

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO.: 020071-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Utilities, Inc. Of Florida's Objections to Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 177 & 187) has been served upon the following parties by facsimile and U.S. Mail this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003:

Charles J. Beck, Deputy Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel c/o The Florida Legislature 111 W. Madison Street, Room 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

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# <u>UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS'</u> THIRTEENTH SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NO. 102)

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA (hereinafter "UIF"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files the following Objections to Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents (No. 102), and in support thereof states:

REQUEST NO. 102: For purposes of this request please refer to the Company's responses to Citizens' POD 57, the letter dated December 4, 2001 from the law firm Sidley Austin Brown & Wood to Edward Spacapan, Jr.

- (a) Provide copies of paid invoices indicating that the Company paid for memberships for Mr.

  Dopuch through the Transitional Compensation Agreement.
- (b) Provide a copy of the Transitional Compensation Agreement with Mr. Dopuch.
- (c) Provide a copy of the Transitional Compensation Agreements with David Carter and Carl Wenz.

OBJECTION: UIF has previously stated that none of the costs of change in control, executive termination payments or associated benefits or compensation were charged to ratepayers or to any system. Citizens' repeated requests for information of this type are nothing more than fishing expeditions. The information sought is irrelevant and immaterial to this proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. *City of Miami v. Florida Public Service Commission*, 226 So. 2d 217 (Fla. 1969).

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO.: 020071-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Utilities, Inc. Of Florida's Objections to Citizens' Thirteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents (No. 102) has been served upon the following parties by facsimile and U.S. Mail this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003:

Charles J. Beck, Deputy Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel c/o The Florida Legislature 111 W. Madison Street, Room 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

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