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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Analysis of Utilities, Inc.'s Financial / DOCKET NO. 120161-WS
Accounting and Customer Service Computer /
System. /
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**FOURTH JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND INFORMAL
INVESTIGATORY PERIOD**

UTILITIES, INC. ("UI"), and OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL ("OPC"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, request this Commission hold this proceeding in abeyance through September 30, 2013, and, in support thereof, state:

1. In Docket No. 110153-SU, Utilities, Inc. of Eagle of Ridge and Office of Public Counsel entered into a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, which was approved by Order No. PSC-12-0346-FOF-SU, issued July 5, 2012, which precipitated the opening of the instant docket.

2. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement provided that, upon opening of this Docket, UI and OPC would engage in a 120-day informal "investigative period" regarding UI's Financial Accounting and Customer Service Computer System. That investigative process involved OPC submitting certain questions to UI. UI received 29 questions from OPC in early July 2012.

3. Because UI's responses were not expected during the initial 120-day investigatory period, UI and OPC mutually filed a Joint Motion on October 17, 2012, requesting an extension of the investigatory period through February 28, 2013. The Commission, subsequently, approved the Joint Motion by Order No. PSC-12-0604-PCO-WS on November 6, 2012, thereby holding this proceeding in abeyance through February 28, 2013.

4. On February 5, 2013, UI, OPC, and Staff held an informal conference call to discuss the responses and ask clarifying questions. During this conference call, it became apparent that there was a need for additional follow-up questions. OPC submitted those follow-up questions to UI on February 7, 2013. On February 14, 2013, UI indicated that it would not be able to provide those responses before February 28, 2013, the date the abeyance period was set to expire.

5. Subsequently, the Parties filed a Second Joint Motion to extend the informal investigatory period on February 18, 2013. The Commission approved the Second Joint Motion on February 21, 2013, by Order No. PSC-13-0097-PSC-WS, thereby, holding this proceeding in abeyance through April 30, 2013.

6. UI initially planned to respond to OPC's questions by mid-March, but because of staff turnover and a pending Florida rate case, UI would not be able to respond until early May. Consequently, on April 19, 2013, the Parties filed a Third Joint Motion to extend the informal investigatory period. The Commission approved the Third Joint Motion on May 17, 2013, by Order No. PSC-13-0202-PCO-WS, thereby, holding this proceeding in abeyance through June 30, 2013.

7. UI submitted its two-part response to OPC's questions on May 10 and May 24, 2013. After reviewing the responses, OPC sent UI additional follow-up questions, along with new questions on June 24, 2013.

8. Due to the number of new and follow-up questions submitted by OPC, it is apparent that additional time is required for UI to formulate its response, and for UI and OPC to discuss these new responses once received.

9. UI and OPC have been working with each other to resolve the generic issues as quickly as possible while balancing limited resources required for other dockets. Unlike a rate case, the generic docket does not have a statutory time period in which it must be fully resolved. However, both UI and OPC would like to have the issues being raised in the generic docket resolved sooner than later, and, if possible, by stipulation and settlement as opposed to contested administrative litigation. UI and OPC believe that additional time is necessary, would serve the public interest, and will allow this informal process to help further narrow the issues to be ultimately resolved.

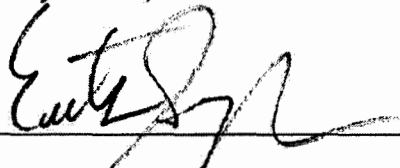
10. Therefore, in order to ensure adequate time for UI to respond and to allow time for the parties to discuss the responses and to discuss the potential settlement or narrowing of issues in this docket, UI and OPC jointly request, through this Fourth Joint Motion, that the investigatory period be extended through September 30, 2013, and this matter held in abeyance through that date.

WHEREFORE, UTILITIES, INC., and OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL, respectfully request this docket be held in abeyance through September 30, 2013.

DATED this 27th day of June, 2013.

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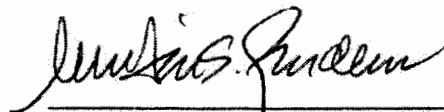
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