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Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director  
Division of Records & Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

via Federal Express

Re: Docket No. 950495-WS -- Application for rate increase and change in service availability charges for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above docket an original and 15 copies of a Bond for Security of Refunds with attached Power of Attorney from the Surety.

By its vote at the Special Agenda held January 4, 1996, the Commission required Southern States Utilities, Inc. ("SSU") to post security as a condition for implementing the interim rates which the Commission approved. The enclosed fulfills SSU's obligation to post security.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please call me at (407) 884-8777, ext. 260.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Feil, Esq.  
Staff Attorney

c: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for rate increase and increase in service availability charges for 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.

Docket No. 950495-WS  
Bond No. 5723757

BOND FOR SECURITY OF REFUNDS

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Southern States Utilities, Inc. ("the Company"), as Principal, and Safeco Insurance Company of America, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Company's customers affected by the Company's application for a general rate increase filed in the above-captioned proceeding for the sum of Five Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100th Dollars (\$5,864,375).

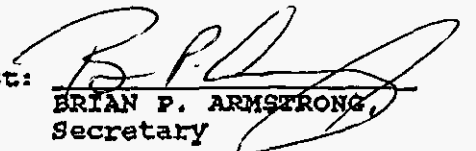
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF SAID OBLIGATION is such, that if the Florida Public Service Commission ("the Commission") should lawfully require a refund by a final order issued in this proceeding, the Company hereby promises to refund amounts it has collected as determined by said Commission order.

THIS BOND shall be released or terminated upon subsequent order of the Commission authorizing such release or termination.

SIGNED, sealed and dated this 8th day of January, 1996.

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

By:   
JOHN CIRELLO, President

Attest:   
BRIAN P. ARMSTRONG,  
Secretary

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SECURITY BOND  
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STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )  
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1996, by JOEN CIRELLO, as President of SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC. He is personally known to me.

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
DONNA L HENRY  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION NO. CC212595  
MY COMMISSION EXP. JULY 6, 1996

Donna L Henry  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: Lee McGriff III  
Lee McGriff III, Attorney-in-Fact

Witness: Diane Tidwell  
Diane Tidwell

STATE OF Alabama )  
COUNTY OF Jefferson )  
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1996, by Lee McGriff III, as Attorney-in-Fact for SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA. He/she is personally known to me.



Rachel J. Harris  
Notary Public  
State of ~~Florida~~ Alabama at Large  
Alabama

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 2, 1998

Countersigned By:

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[Signature]  
Florida Resident Agent



POWER OF ATTORNEY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

No. 5904

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint
\*\*LEE MCGRIFF, III; R. E. DANIELS; ANITA W. ROSENAU; MIKE WOODS; JEFFERY L. JOHNSON; MARY JO LYONS; MARK W. EDWARDS, II; BETTY W. BOURQUE, Birmingham, Alabama\*\*\*\*\*

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 1st day of July, 1994

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS . . . the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business . . . On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out:
(i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
(ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
(iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,
the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, R. A. Pierson, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 8th day of January, 1996

