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**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM (DAVE) DENNY
BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ON BEHALF OF
SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.
DOCKET NO. 950495-WS**

1 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?**

2 A. My name is William (Dave) Denny and my business
3 address is 1000 Color Place, Apopka, Florida 32703.

4 **Q. ARE YOU THE SAME DAVE DENNY WHO SUBMITTED PRE-FILED**
5 **DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

8 A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to identify
9 actual 1995 plant in service investments in renewal
10 and replacement items, meters, and water service
11 lines; to rebut the proposals of the Office of
12 Public Counsel witnesses Mr. Ted Bidy and Ms.
13 Kimberly Dismukes and a statement of Sugarmill
14 Woods Civic Association witness Mr. Buddy Hansen
15 regarding unaccounted-for water; to rebut Mr.
16 Hansen's testimony that Southern States Utilities
17 is not a single, functionally related system; to
18 rebut certain quality of service complaints from
19 testimony of customers given at the customer
20 service hearings; and to rebut certain statements
21 of the representatives of the Department of
22 Environmental Protection and the various county
23 health units which appear in the testimony offered
24 by the Commission staff.

25 **Q. THE PARTIES AND SEVERAL CUSTOMERS TESTIFYING AT THE**

1 **CUSTOMER SERVICE HEARINGS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT SSU'S**
2 **BUDGETED NUMBERS ARE INFLATED. COULD YOU PLEASE**
3 **DESCRIBE SSU'S ACTUAL 1995 INVESTMENTS IN METERS,**
4 **REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS, AND WATER SERVICE**
5 **LINES?**

6 A. Yes. Exhibit _____ (WDD-4) is SSU's response to
7 OPC Interrogatory No. 161 which explains how SSU
8 projected the 1995 investment in meters. It also
9 shows the actuals through September 29, 1995. The
10 year end December 31, 1995 actuals (total company)
11 are 7,910 meters changed out and a total dollar
12 amount of \$615,661. Exhibit _____ (WDD-5) is SSU's
13 response to OPC Interrogatory No. 168 which
14 explains renewal and replacement items and shows
15 actual costs through August 31, 1995. The year end
16 December 31, 1995 actuals (total company) for
17 renewal and replacement items is \$592,891. The
18 year-end December 31, 1995 actual for water service
19 line installations (total company) is \$208,205.

20 **Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN ANY VARIANCES BETWEEN THE 1995**
21 **BUDGETED AMOUNTS AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE**
22 **ABOVE ITEMS?**

23 A. The budget dollars for meter installations and
24 replacements in 1995 was based on a meter change
25 out program of 7% of all meters and a growth rate

1 of 3.5%. The variance was caused by the growth not
2 being what was anticipated and the size of meters
3 installed and/or replaced not being exactly as
4 budgeted. Since the cost of a meter varies with
5 the size of the meter, a partial variance will
6 result when meters installed or replaced are not as
7 predicted.

8 SSU was over budget for 1995 renewals and
9 replacements. The budget dollars for renewal and
10 replacements are to provide a source of funds for
11 unanticipated emergency repairs and/or
12 equipment/facility replacements or additions. The
13 1995 budget to actual variance was caused by having
14 more emergency repairs and/or equipment
15 replacements than anticipated. In my experience,
16 it is very difficult to anticipate every emergency
17 that you may encounter during a year. Failure to
18 make these emergency repairs/replacements could
19 lead to regulatory non-compliance or disruption of
20 service to our customers, so they must be done.

21 The budget dollars for water service
22 installations in 1995 was based on a growth rate of
23 3.5% in those areas where service line
24 installations are required. The variance was
25 caused by growth not being what was anticipated and

1 some of the growth taking place in the distribution
2 areas where water service lines were already
3 installed by SSU.

4 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. BIDDY'S TESTIMONY REGARDING**
5 **UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER INSOFAR AS HE RECOMMENDS THE**
6 **COMMISSION LOOK AT UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER ON A PLANT**
7 **BY PLANT BASIS?**

8 A. No, the Commission should look at SSU's on a single
9 utility system basis. Contrary to Mr. Biddy's
10 assertion, it is not SSU's proposal to "shelter"
11 high UFW percentages at certain plants, but rather,
12 SSU's proposal is to look at UFW on a total system
13 basis because water is a statewide resource which
14 is most effectively preserved on a statewide basis
15 where a utility system such as SSU's is involved.
16 OPC's proposal of a plant-by-plant UFW evaluation,
17 and resulting UFW expense and used and useful
18 adjustments, encourage SSU to incur costs to lower
19 a high UFW percentage in a low use service area
20 rather than lower an already acceptable UFW
21 percentage in a high use service area without
22 regard to the fact that 1% reduction to UFW in the
23 high use service area may represent a much greater
24 water savings than a 10% reduction to UFW in a low
25 use service area.

1 Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. BIDDY'S AND MS. DISMUKES'
2 SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMISSION REDUCE PURCHASED
3 POWER, CHEMICAL, AND PURCHASED WATER COSTS AND
4 REDUCE USED AND USEFUL FOR EACH SSU PLANT BY THE
5 AMOUNT OF UFW AT EACH PLANT GREATER THAN 10%?

6 A. No. There are three basic reasons why I disagree.
7 The first I have already explained. The higher
8 priority for the utility should be protecting and
9 preserving Florida's water resources. By making
10 the adjustments OPC proposes, the Commission puts
11 the utility in the position of choosing between:
12 (1) addressing UFW at every single plant and (2)
13 protecting water resources in a cost-effective
14 manner, but being penalized for doing so.

15 The second reason I disagree with OPC's
16 proposal ties to the nature of UFW, how it is
17 calculated, and my understanding of the basic
18 reason why the Commission has adjusted expenses for
19 "excessive" UFW in the past. Consider first what
20 exactly UFW is. UFW is the difference between the
21 amount of water produced or purchased and the sum
22 of the amount billed to all customers, metered for
23 other uses, and otherwise accounted for such as
24 from linebreaks. UFW typically includes the total
25 of all of the following: underground leakage;

1 unauthorized use; unavoidable leakage; inaccurate
2 master; industrial; commercial and domestic meters
3 and unusual causes. A one month balance of UFW is
4 not very useful because billing cycles may vary and
5 often do not occur simultaneous to the readings of
6 the plant flow meter. A longer period of UFW data
7 collection is needed to balance out any problems
8 which arise from these concerns and to allow you to
9 track trends. Because of the nature of the causes
10 for UFW, a portion of total UFW is not wasted water
11 leaching into the ground, but simply water not
12 measured accurately. As I understand it, the
13 theory supporting adjustments to expenses and used
14 and useful for "excessive" UFW is that if
15 adjustments were not made, the customers would pay
16 for water which is presumed wasted and which the
17 utility is presumed to have had the power to avoid
18 wasting. The error in this theory is that all or
19 at least some of the UFW is being used by the
20 customers but is not being measured accurately. In
21 such cases where a high UFW figure is explained by
22 inaccurate metering, unauthorized use or a billing
23 cycle discrepancy which skews the average, UFW
24 adjustments are unjustified and punitive. It
25 appears from the testimony that OPC made no effort

1 to explore whether such explanations existed for
2 UFW percentages in excess of 10%.

3 The third reason I disagree with OPC's
4 proposed adjustment concerns the 10% level at which
5 OPC considers UFW excessive. As explained in the
6 direct testimony of Mr. Gagnon, which I have
7 adopted as my own, the Commission should not accept
8 the absolute minimum of the range of acceptable UFW
9 that is stated in AWWA Manual M8. 12.5% is a much
10 more reasonable figure. Further, I note that in
11 the Commission staff's draft used and useful rules
12 of May 1995, staff proposes that UFW greater than
13 12.5%, without explanation should be considered
14 excessive. These draft rules are attached to the
15 testimony of SSU rebuttal witness Harvey as Exhibit
16 ____ (RMH-3).

17 SSU concentrates on doing as good a job as
18 possible and exercises a great deal of effort to
19 accurately track and reduce UFW on a service area
20 basis, but with a focus on cost-effective
21 reductions to total water lost.

22 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT EXPENSE AND USED AND USEFUL**
23 **ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR UFW PERCENTAGES OVER**
24 **12.5% AT ANY OF SSU'S SERVICE AREAS?**

25 **A.** Even if the Commission examines UFW on a plant-by-

1 plant basis, OPC's proposed UFW adjustments should
2 not be allowed for the following plants: Amelia
3 Island, Beechers Point, Woodmere, Lehigh, and
4 Valencia Terrace. At Amelia Island, the two well
5 meters were replaced in May 1995 and since that
6 time UFW has been at 4.8%. At Beechers Point,
7 since April 1994 we have purchased water from the
8 town of Welaka and the UFW has been 5.7%, which
9 would indicate a metering problem had existed at
10 SSU's plant. At Woodmere, in June 1995 we
11 installed meters on both wells and the UFW since
12 then has been 5.3%. At Lehigh, the water plant
13 distribution meter was calibrated in July 1995 and
14 UFW has been 1.7%. At Valencia Terrace, upon
15 investigating the cause for the high UFW, SSU
16 discovered that several landscaped strips belonging
17 to a homeowners association were found to be
18 unmetered. The Commission should recall that SSU
19 acquired the Valencia Terrace plant in 1995. All
20 the landscaped areas are now metered, customer
21 accounts are set up, and the meters are read on a
22 monthly basis. This unmetered use represented a
23 significant amount of water and I am hopeful UFW
24 will be reduced. At this time, not enough
25 information has been compiled to check results.

1 In all these cases, the UFW problem was a
2 metering problem, not a waste problem. The same
3 approximate amount of water is being pumped
4 currently as was before; the only difference is
5 that now the water is being captured by proper
6 metering. I also note that SSU closed on its
7 purchase of the BVL facilities in December and has
8 not had sufficient date to assess any UFW problems.

9 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. BIDDY'S TESTIMONY THAT A**
10 **SINGLE MAXIMUM DAY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE**
11 **USED AND USEFUL CALCULATIONS BECAUSE CERTAIN WATER**
12 **LOSSES ARE DIFFICULT TO PRECISELY MEASURE?**

13 A. No. Based on my over twenty years of experience in
14 water utility operations, I believe that SSU's
15 practices and policies for tracking water losses
16 for line breaks, plant use, flushing and reading
17 plant meters at regular intervals are good and
18 SSU's water records reliable. We meter line
19 flushing. We estimate line breaks considering the
20 system pressure, size of the line and the severity
21 of the break. Plant use is also metered and
22 accounted for.

23 **Q. WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING MR. HANSEN'S**
24 **TESTIMONY CONCERNING UFW IN SUGARMILL WOODS?**

25 A. First, I would point out that for the test year

1 ending 1991, UFW at Sugarmill Woods was 8.1%, not
2 10% as Mr. Hansen thinks. For the test year ending
3 1994, UFW is 6%. Further, I do not think it is
4 fair to say that we "guess" on the amount of water
5 lost to a leak to make UFW look good, as Mr. Hansen
6 asserts. In addition to estimating water loss for
7 leaks using the criteria stated above, SSU also
8 meters line flushing and plant use. We estimate
9 the amount of water lost to line breaks considering
10 the system pressure, size of the line and the
11 severity of the break. Judgment is involved in
12 making these estimates, obviously. However, I
13 believe SSU does an honest job of reporting water
14 uses and water loss events.

15 **Q. MR. HANSEN ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SSU IS NOT A**
16 **SINGULAR, FUNCTIONALLY RELATED UTILITY SYSTEM. DO**
17 **YOU DISAGREE WITH HIS REASONING?.**

18 **A.** From an operational standpoint I do. Beginning on
19 page 7 of his testimony, Mr. Hansen states that the
20 test for determining whether facilities are
21 functionally related should be whether a change in
22 the operation of one affects another. The
23 conclusion he reaches seems to be that his proposed
24 test will only be met where facilities are
25 physically interconnected such as is the case with

1 Rosemont/Rolling Green. My understanding was that
2 the First District Court of Appeals in another case
3 and the Commission have already rejected the notion
4 that a physical interconnection of facilities was
5 required for those facilities to be considered
6 functionally related. Nonetheless, I believe there
7 are many types of operational activities which
8 occur in one SSU service area or which originate at
9 the central office that impact one or more SSU
10 service area. As described in my direct testimony,
11 SSU's operations are so integrated that any given
12 SSU plant could not provide safe, adequate,
13 reliable service without support from the
14 personnel, equipment, and supplies based in other
15 SSU service areas and the Apopka central office.

16 **Q. WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE WATER QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED**
17 **AT THE SEBRING SERVICE HEARINGS BY RESIDENTS OF THE**
18 **COVERED BRIDGE FACILITY?**

19 A. Yes. SSU is meeting all water quality standards
20 for drinking water at the Covered Bridge water
21 plant, as confirmed by the testimony of staff
22 witness, Mr. Maier, a DEP employee.

23 The fire hydrants at Covered Bridge are
24 regularly flushed to maintain a chlorine residual
25 in the distribution network. However, in instances

1 where a chlorine residual above a certain level is
2 not maintained in the distribution network or
3 inside the plumbing of a home, sulfur-reducing
4 bacteria tends to "attack" the naturally occurring
5 soluble sulfates in the water to produce sulfides.
6 The bacteria are not pathogenic (harmful) to
7 humans, but the sulfides which are produced will
8 react with the natural hardness (calcium) in the
9 water or with copper plumbing. The result of such
10 reactions is the formation of insoluble sulfides
11 causing black or tan colored particles in the
12 water. Significant amounts of sulfides can arise
13 especially if a homeowner is absent for a period of
14 time. The sulfides are not harmful. Simply
15 running the water for 30 seconds in the home will
16 remove any accumulation of sulfides in the pipes of
17 the home. It is also a good practice for customers
18 to flush the hot water heater if the home has been
19 vacant for a period of time as copper piping in and
20 around a hot water heater tends to cause a greater
21 accumulation of sulfides in this vicinity. The key
22 to prevention, as I said initially, is simply to
23 maintain a higher than minimum chlorine residual in
24 the distribution network. SSU will make every
25 effort to do this by flushing the lines with

1 increased regularity. I also note that even with
2 line flushing, if the home has an activated carbon
3 filter to remove chlorine, and the homeowner goes
4 on vacation or is absent for a period of time,
5 natural sulfates from water in Osceola and
6 Highlands Counties can develop into sulfides
7 causing black, brown, and yellow water.

8 **Q. CUSTOMERS SERVED BY SSU'S FACILITIES IN DUVAL**
9 **COUNTY COMPLAINED ABOUT WATER QUALITY IN TERMS OF**
10 **CORROSIVITY AND LEAD CONTENT. COULD YOU ADDRESS**
11 **THOSE CUSTOMERS' CONCERNS?**

12 A. Yes. The need for corrosion control is determined
13 by the test results of sampling for lead and copper
14 in accordance with FAC Rule 62-551. The rule
15 states that if 90% of the samples taken are not
16 below the action levels for two consecutive six
17 months testing periods a corrosion control study
18 must be done and a recommendation made to the
19 Department for proper treatment based on that
20 study. Once testing reveals that an action level
21 has been met, Rule 62-551, FAC, mandates that
22 corrosion control treatment for a medium sized
23 facility be installed within 24 months after the
24 Department approves the utility's recommended
25 treatment. Corrosion control permits for SSU's

1 Beacon Hills and Cobblestone plants were issued on
2 June 30, 1995, with an expiration date of January
3 1, 1997. The corrosion control facilities for
4 Beacon Hills and Cobblestone were installed on
5 January 20, 1996. SSU is therefore in compliance
6 with the rule.

7 **Q. WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE LEAD CONCERN AT VALENCIA**
8 **TERRACE THAT WAS RAISED BY CUSTOMERS AT THE MT.**
9 **DORA SERVICE HEARING?**

10 A. Yes. When SSU purchased the Valencia Terrace
11 system, in March of 1995, the former owner had
12 already taken two successive six month periods of
13 samples to meet the lead and copper rule. The
14 action level had not been exceeded, and in such
15 cases, the rule allows for reduced monitoring.
16 When complying with reduced monitoring the utility
17 must sample during the months of June, July,
18 August, or September. SSU sampled, on reduced
19 monitoring, in July, 1995, and the tests revealed
20 the presence of 0.016 mg/l levels of lead in two of
21 eleven samples. The remaining samples had a lead
22 content of less than .001 mg/l. The action level
23 is 0.015 mg/l of lead. At the point of entry to
24 the Valencia Terrace distribution network, the lead
25 content was less than 0.001 mg/l. A sample in the

1 distribution network also had a lead content of
2 less than 0.001 mg/l. According to the rule, to be
3 in compliance, 90% of tour samples must not exceed
4 the action level. Had it not been that Valencia
5 Terrace was on reduced monitoring, the action level
6 might not have been exceeded, since the sampling
7 base would have been greater with routine
8 monitoring and there was no relevant water quality
9 or operational changes that would have caused a
10 difference in tests results since the earlier tests
11 were taken. Although lead can be a serious health
12 concern in large doses, the lead levels in this
13 case were not cause for alarm. In any event, when
14 the action level is exceeded, the rule requires two
15 things: notification/education of the customers
16 and a return to routine monitoring. The document
17 the customers indicated they had received from SSU
18 notifying them of the test results and the health
19 effects of lead was a standard notification letter
20 which DEP requires the utility to distribute
21 pursuant to the rule, and which SSU did distribute.
22 Routine monitoring requires sampling every six
23 months. SSU is scheduled to sample Valencia
24 Terrace again by the end of June, 1996. If the
25 next samples are below the action level then SSU is

1 required to sample again six months later. In sum,
2 SSU has acted in complete compliance with Chapter
3 62-551, F.A.C., and I do not believe that the
4 customers' concerns require any further action by
5 SSU at this time.

6 **Q. WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT MADE BY**
7 **CUSTOMERS AT A NUMBER OF THE SERVICE HEARINGS**
8 **REGARDING THE TASTE OF CHLORINE IN THE WATER?**

9 A. Yes. Chapter 62-550.518(4), FAC, 3 states that the
10 supplier of water shall maintain a minimum free
11 chlorine residual of 0.2 milligrams per liter or
12 its equivalent throughout the distribution network
13 at all times. SSU must meet this requirement for
14 all of its plants and, with very rare exception,
15 does meet this requirement. For residents located
16 close to the treatment facilities, the chlorine
17 residual will often be higher than the minimum so
18 SSU can comply with the rule at the remote point of
19 the distribution network. In my experience, it is
20 extremely difficult to meet disinfection
21 requirements, chlorine residual requirements, and
22 appeal to every customer's particular sense of
23 smell and taste. However, SSU does try to be as
24 responsive as it can be to high chlorine
25 complaints.

1 **Q. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE TESTIMONY OF MS. BLANCA**
2 **RODRIGUEZ OF THE DEP REGARDING THE WOOTENS WATER**
3 **PLANT?**

4 A. Yes. A permit was issued October 5, 1995, for the
5 addition of an aerator and storage tank at the
6 Wootens water plant. Improvements proposed under
7 this permit are necessary to satisfy water quality
8 parameters for total dissolved solids and color.
9 Implementation of this work has been delayed
10 because of difficulties in acquiring suitable
11 property rights to install the aerator -- the well
12 site is very small. SSU has actively pursued the
13 various options to resolve this situation over the
14 last several months and hopes to reach closure by
15 year-end.

16 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH THE TESTIMONY OF MR. CLARENCE**
17 **ANDERSON OF DEP REGARDING THE CHULUOTA WASTEWATER**
18 **PLANT?**

19 A. No. The Chuluota wastewater plant has a rainfall
20 gauge located on site and it is read daily.
21 Approximately 11.43 inches of rainfall was recorded
22 in August 1995 and 10.2 inches of rainfall recorded
23 in October 1995. The monthly operating reports'
24 average daily flows for the months of August and
25 October 1995 were 0.060 mgd and 0.050 mgd

1 respectively. The permitted capacity for the
2 Chuluota wastewater plant is 0.1 mgd. The
3 excessive rain caused increased flows but at no
4 time did the plant exceed permitted capacity.
5 During 1995 there were capital improvements made to
6 correct problems in the collection facilities. The
7 work consisted of lining much of the collection
8 main lines.

9 **Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

10 A. Yes, it does.

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.
DOCKET NO.: 950495-WS
RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORIES

REQUESTED BY: OPC
SET NO: 5
INTERROGATORY NO: 161
ISSUE DATE: 09/12/95
WITNESS: Denny/Gagnon
RESPONDENT: William (Dave) Denny

INTERROGATORY NO: 161

Meter Replacements. Please refer to pages 16 and 17 of the direct testimony of William Denny. Please show, in detail, how the estimated \$698,973 for 1995 and the estimated \$699,720 for 1996 for meter replacements were determined. Please provide the amount of meters replaced in 1995 to date. This should include both the amount of meters by rate category and the total cost, to date. Please indicate the number of meters replaced during 1993 and 1994 by meter type, and the associated costs by meter type.

RESPONSE: 161

The estimated \$698,973 for 1995 referred to on pages 16 and 17 of William Denny's testimony was determined by a meter change out program of 7% of all meters and new meters associated with growth and overheads. The 1996 estimate of \$699,720 was determined by a meter change out program of 8% of all meters, new meters associated with growth and overheads.

As of 9/29/95, a total of 6,136 meters have been changed out. The year to date (9/29/95) expenditures for replacement meters is \$385,765. The estimate included in Mr. Denny's testimony also includes new meters. Year to date (9/29/95) expenditures for new meters is \$125,801. In total, these expenditures year to date are \$511,566. Annualized, the expected expenditures for new and replacement meters is \$682,092.

In 1993, a total of 8,540 meters were changed out. The total cost for meter change outs and new meter installs for 1993 was \$604,266.

In 1994, a total of 8,606 meters were changed out. The total cost for meter change outs and new meter installs for 1994 was \$880,401.

Appendix 161-A provides the number of meters, by size and associated unit cost per meter.

As of 9/29/95, a total of 6,136 meters have been changed out and 2,726 installed.

METER CHANGE OUTS

5/8X3/4	5689	@	\$24.91	=	\$141,712.99
3/4"	14	@	40.81	=	571.34
1"	279	@	68.37	=	19,075.23
1 1/2"	48	@	190.27	=	9,132.96
2"	52	@	255.99	=	13,311.48
3"	18	@	1,373.85	=	24,729.30
4"	14	@	2,151.30	=	30,118.20
6"	14	@	3,397.30	=	47,562.20
8"	6	@	4,648.10	=	27,888.60
10"	2	@	10,600.00	=	21,200.00
TOTAL	6136				\$335,302.30

INSTALLS

5/8X3/4	2286	@	24.91	=	\$56,944.26
3/4"	138	@	40.81	=	5,631.78
1"	255	@	68.37	=	17,434.35
1 1/2"	11	@	190.27	=	2,092.91
2"	26	@	255.99	=	6,655.74
3"	6	@	1,373.85	=	8,243.10
4"	1	@	2,151.30	=	2,151.30
6"	3	@	3,397.30	=	10,191.90
8"	0	@		=	
10"	0	@		=	
TOTAL	2726				\$109,345.34

In 1995, the year to date (9/29/95) expenditures for replacement meters, including overheads, is \$385,765. The estimate in Mr. Denny's testimony also includes new meters. Year-to-date (2/29/95) expenditures for new meters, including overheads, is \$125,801. In total, these expenditures year-to-date are \$511,566. Annualized, the expenditures for new and replacement meters is \$682,092.

In 1994, a total of 8,606 meters were changed out and 5,600 meters installed.

METER CHANGE OUTS

5/8X3/4	7,660	@	\$24.91	=	\$190,810.60
3/4"	100	@	40.81	=	4,081.00
1"	636	@	68.37	=	43,483.32
1 1/2"	46	@	190.27	=	8,752.42
2"	71	@	255.99	=	18,175.29
3"	30	@	1,373.85	=	41,215.50
4"	27	@	2,151.30	=	58,085.10
6"	17	@	3,397.30	=	57,754.10
8"	17	@	4,648.10	=	79,017.70
10"	2	@	10,600.00	=	21,200.00
TOTAL	8,606				\$522,575.03

INSTALLS

5/8X3/4	4533	@	24.91	=	\$112,917.03
3/4"	496	@	40.81	=	20,241.76
1"	500	@	68.37	=	34,185.00
1 1/2"	15	@	190.27	=	2,854.05
2"	35	@	255.99	=	8,959.65
3"	11	@	1,373.85	=	15,112.35
4"	2	@	2,151.30	=	4,302.60
6"	4	@	3,397.30	=	13,589.20
8"	2	@	4,648.10	=	9,296.20
10"	2	@	10,600.00	=	21,200.00
TOTAL	5,600				\$242,657.84

The total cost for meter change-outs and new meter installs for 1994, including overheads, was \$880,401.00.

In 1993, a total of 8,540 meters were changed out and 5,806 meters were installed.

METER CHANGE OUTS

5/8X3/4	8,137	@	\$24.91	=	\$202,692.67
3/4"	9	@	40.81	=	367.29
1"	330	@	68.37	=	22,562.10
1 1/2"	22	@	190.27	=	4,185.94
2"	22	@	255.99	=	5,631.78
3"	3	@	1,373.85	=	4,121.55
4"	5	@	2,151.30	=	10,756.50
6"	5	@	3,397.30	=	16,986.50
8"	7	@	4,648.10	=	32,536.70
10"		@	10,600.00	=	
TOTAL	8,540				\$299,841.03

INSTALLS

5/8X3/4	4571	@	24.91	=	\$113,863.61
3/4"	444	@	40.81	=	18,119.64
1"	723	@	68.37	=	49,431.51
1 1/2"	13	@	190.27	=	2,473.51
2"	38	@	255.99	=	9,727.62
3"	11	@	1,373.85	=	15,112.35
4"	4	@	2,151.30	=	8,605.20
6"	1	@	3,397.30	=	3,397.30
8"	1	@	4,648.10	=	4,648.10
10"	0	@	10,600.00	=	
TOTAL	5,806				\$225,378.84

The total cost for meter change-outs and new meter installs for 1993, including overheads, was \$604,266.

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.
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RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORIES

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WITNESS: Denny/Gagnon
RESPONDENT: William (Dave) Denny

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Plant in Service - Renewal and Replacement Facilities. Please refer to page 15 of the direct testimony of William Denny. Please identify the amount added to plant in service in 1995 to date for which the \$540,000 of funds for unanticipated emergency repairs and/or equipment, facility or additions have been used. Please identify the amounts expended during 1993 and 1994 for such unanticipated emergency repairs and/or equipment - facility, replacement or additions, and indicate whether or not these amounts were included within the respective budgets. Has the Company included any depreciation expense or accumulated depreciation adjustments in the filing related to the \$540,000 in renewal and replacement facilities for 1995 and the \$535,500 renewal and replacement facilities for 1996? If yes, please identify the amounts and indicate where such adjustments are reflected within the filing.

RESPONSE: 168

As of August 31, 1995, \$352,634 have been expended for emergency repairs and/or equipment - facilities, replacements or additions. Annualized, this results in plant in service of \$528,951 for 1995.

In 1993, the budget amount for emergency repairs and/or equipment - facility, replacement, or additions was \$494,098. The amount expended for these items was \$1,441,770.

In 1994, the budget amount for emergency repairs and/or equipment - facility, replacement or additions was \$467,624. The amount expended for these items was \$911,284.