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Re: Docket No. 950495-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo:

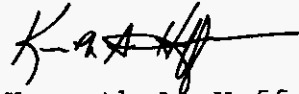
Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Southern States Utilities, Inc. ("SSU") are the original and fifteen copies of a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Post Hearing Briefs.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

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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 Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia and Washington Counties.

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JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE POST HEARING BRIEFS

Southern States Utilities, Inc. ("SSU"), and Intervenors Concerned Citizens of Lehigh Acres, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association, Inc., Spring Hill Civic Association, Inc., Marco Island Civic Association, Inc., Harbour Woods Civic Association, Board of Supervisors of the East County Water Control District, Hidden Hills Country Club Estates Homeowners Association, Inc., Citrus Park Homeowners Association, Amelia Island Community Association, Residence Condominium, Residence Property Owners Association, Amelia Retreat Condominium Association, Amelia Surf and Racket Property Owners Association and Sandpiper Association (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Movants"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, hereby jointly request an extension of time of seven days for the filing of Post Hearing Briefs in this proceeding. In support of this Joint Motion, the Movants state as follows:

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1. The final hearing in this proceeding began on April 29, 1996 and concluded on the evening of May 10, 1996, except for the additional hearing time scheduled for May 31, 1996 on the issue of SSU's rate case expense as documented in Late-Filed Exhibit No. 255. Post Hearing Briefs currently are due to be filed on June 3, 1996.

2. This rate case is one of the largest and most complex rate cases ever heard by the Commission. The transcript from the final hearing totals 5,383 pages, not counting the voluminous transcripts from the customer service hearings, and there also was a total of 256 hearing exhibits, most of which were admitted into evidence. In light of the 146 specifically identified issues in this proceeding, and the voluminous nature of the transcripts and the exhibits, the parties have been authorized to file a brief which does not exceed 150 pages in length.

3. Based on the foregoing facts, the Movants maintain that an additional seven days for the filing of Post Hearing Briefs is reasonable and necessary. The need for an additional seven days is particularly acute in this instance due to the fact that the final portion of the hearing will not take place until May 31, 1996, just three days before the current due date for Post Hearing Briefs.¹ Obviously, the transcript from the May 31 portion of the hearing is not likely to be available prior to the current due date for the filing of Post Hearing Briefs.

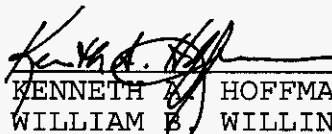
¹In addition, May 27, 1996 is the Memorial Day Holiday.

4. Counsel for SSU has contacted counsel for the remaining parties to this proceeding and is authorized to represent that the Office of Public Counsel takes no position on this Joint Motion and that all other parties to this proceeding do not oppose the seven day extension requested in this Joint Motion.

5. In light of the impending current due date for the submission of Post Hearing Briefs, and the fact that no party opposes the relief requested herein, the Movants respectfully request the Prehearing Officer to issue an Order addressing the relief requested herein as expeditiously as possible.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Movants respectfully request the Prehearing Officer to enter an Order granting a seven day extension for the filing of Post Hearing Briefs and that all Post Hearing Briefs be filed and served on June 10, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,


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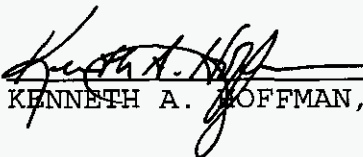
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