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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a rate increase for North Ft. Myers Division in Lee County by Florida Cities Water Company - Lee County Division.

DOCKET NO. 950387-SU

FILED:

REQUEST OF STAFF FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PREFILE TESTIMONY, REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND PREHEARING STATEMENTS

The staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (staff), pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby requests that the Prehearing Officer grant staff an extension of ten days in which to prefile its testimony in this matter. Staff also requests that the Prehearing Officer extend the time for filing rebuttal testimony, and in support of the foregoing, states the following:

1. Order No. PSC-98-0893-PCO-WS, issued July 6, 1998, established October 23, 1998, as the date for prefiling testimony sponsored by staff. That Order also established the following dates and significant events: November 2, 1998, as the date for prefiling rebuttal testimony; and November 16, 1998, as the date for the prehearing conference. After the issuance of Order No. PSC-98-0893-PCO-WS, the prehearing conference was rescheduled to November 19, 1998, and then again to November 18, 1998.

2. Staff has determined that additional time is necessary in order to adequately prepare its prefiled testimony. Staff requests that it be granted an extension of fourteen days until November 6, 1998 in which to prefile its testimony, with an extension of fifteen days being also granted for the filing of rebuttal testimony. Also, staff requests that prehearing statements now be filed on November 12, 1998.

3. Staff counsel has contacted the parties, who indicate that they do not oppose staff's request.

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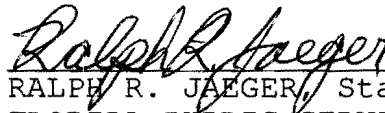
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WHEREFORE, the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission requests that the Prehearing Officer issue an order granting the extensions of time as set forth above for the filing of staff testimony, rebuttal testimony, and prehearing statements.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of October, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Prefile Testimony, Rebuttal Testimony and Prehearing Statements has been furnished to **B. Kenneth Gatlin, Esquire**, Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 815, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, **Harold A. McLean, Esquire**, Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 W. Madison Street, #812, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1400, **Ms. Cheryl Walla**, 1750 Dockway Drive, North Ft. Myers, Florida, 33903, and **Ms. Jerilyn Victor**, 1740 Dockway Drive, North Ft. Myers, Florida, 33903, by U.S. Mail, on this 19th day of October, 1998.



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