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**DATE:** June 11, 1997  
**TO:** Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
**FROM:** Bill Berg, Assistant to Commissioner Deason *WBB*  
**RE:** Communication Received in Docket No. 960258-WS

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Attached is a copy of a letter dated May 27, 1997, from Cheryl Walla regarding the above docket. Please place this memorandum and attachment in docket file. Because this correspondence relates to a rulemaking proceeding, it is not necessary to disseminate this letter to the parties.

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Florida Public Service Comm.  
Commissioner Deason

Re: Docket # 960258-WS Petition to adopt rules on margin reserve and imputation of contributions-in-aid-of-construction on margin reserve calculation, by Florida Waterworks Association.

Dear Commissioner,

Very recently it was brought to my attention that there was a petition to adopt rules on margin reserve and imputation of contributions-in-aid-of-construction by Florida Waterworks Association. The fact that such a docket has been going on since March 1, 1996 and that the certificate of service is comprised of Florida Waterworks Association, two law firms, numerous private for profit water and wastewater utilities throughout the state of Florida is very questionable.

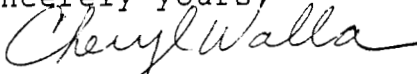
My question to you commissioner is, where is the public interests represented here? Besides Office of Public Counsel and Senator Cowin, where is the public's views? Could it be because there was no notice publicly and no public hearings throughout Florida on this proposed new rule that you conclude that the people (ratepayers) that will be bearing the financial impact of this new rule were not informed? Is this not just another ploy of private for profit utilities to extort more money from the ratepayers to increase their assets?

Could it be that behind closed doors this rule will be passed without any information or respect paid to the public, who will be paying for **seven years** worth of future growth in their water and wastewater rates **today**? "We the People" constitutionally are not being deprived of our rights?

Is it not the commissioners of the PUBLIC Service Commission job to balance what is best in the public interests? Where in this new rule is the "present" public's interest being served?

It is our hope on June 10, 1997 agenda conference that you cast your vote on this rule with a clear conscious balancing what you think is best not just for the utilities but for the ratepayers and taxpayers that pay your salaries.

Sincerely yours,



Cheryl Walla

cc: Senator Cowin  
Office Public Counsel

cc: Governor Chiles  
Senator Harris  
Senator Dudley  
Senator Rossin  
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