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October 27, 1998

The Honorable Julia L. Johnson
Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Request for Deferral of Hearing and Change of
Venue/Docket No.: 950495-WS-Florida Water
Services Corp.

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Dear Chairwoman Johnson:

The Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, has unanimously requested that I ask the Public Service Commission to reschedule its proposed hearing on the above referenced matter currently scheduled for November 2, 1998. It is our desire to host that hearing in Citrus County since it impacts citizens in Marion, Hernando, Lake and Pasco which are in close proximity to Citrus County and the most convenient site to all interested ratepayers.

If our request is granted we will make the necessary arrangements for a facility of appropriate size to hold the anticipated number of participants and to send invitations to the governing bodies of each of the respective counties for the Public Service Commission's public hearing on this most important matter. The issue of Florida Water's rate case has been a divisive one and any solution to this legal morass needs both public information and public participation in order for the decision of the Public Service Commission to be accepted without the need for further litigation.

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We would respectfully request that such an evidentiary hearing be held during the month of February, 1999 and again we offer our services in providing an appropriate location and place for the public hearing.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Bartell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "B".

Gary Bartell
Chairman
Commissioner-District 2

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cc: The Honorable Nancy Argenziano
Citrus County Chronicle
St. Petersburg Times