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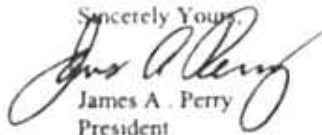
RE: "Undocketed Water and Wastewater Rate of Return Workshop"

Dear Blanca,

In regards to the November 16, 1998 workshop on Water/Wastewater Rate of Return the Florida Waterworks Association requests on behalf of our members, postponement of the workshop until next year. As an individual participant some 3+ years ago in FPSC "Rate of Return" workshops a considerable amount of preparation is needed to adequately reply and discuss the "relevant issues" included in the October 20, 1998 notice mailed 10/22/98 and received 10/26/98. Additionally the hiring of experts to analyze and provide meaningful input on the issues requires significant lead-time.

In anticipation of the postponed workshop's consideration should be given by the FPSC to research the current practices of other PSC's and rates of return as a basis for discussion on proposed changes. I believe this information would provide a minimal framework for any proposals and focus on a methodology with resultant rates of return, consistent with the rest of the country.

Sincerely Yours,



James A. Perry  
President

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