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DATE: January 13, 2000

TO: Chairman Joe Garcia

FROM: Jason K. Fudge, Division of Legal Services

Marshall Willis, Division of Water and Wastewater

Request for Deferral of Item #39, Docket No. 951056-WS - Application for rate RE:

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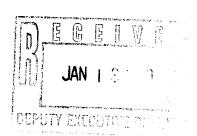
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Finally, this letter will confirm that I have discussed our deferral request with Steve Reilly of the Office of Public Counsel and Mr. Reilly agreed to the request.

Rosanne Gervasi, Esq. Page 2 January 12, 2000

As always, thank you for your consideration and courtesy in this matter.

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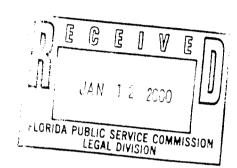
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