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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 110 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

> Re: Docket No. 990054-WU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

HAND DELIVERY

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Water Services Corporation is the original and fifteen copies of Florida Water Service Corporation's Joint Settlement Status Report.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me. Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

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Water Services Corporation for)	
Amendment of Certificate No. 106)	Docket No. 990054-WU
to add and delete territory in)	
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JOINT SETTLEMENT STATUS REPORT

Florida Water Services Corporation ("Florida Water"), by and through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Order PSC-00-0449-PCO-WS issued March 2, 2000, hereby files this Joint Report to the Commission regarding the status of settlement negotiations:

At this point, the parties have not reached a settlement. The initial approach contemplated by the parties for settlement has not worked out. Florida Water has expressed its willingness to consider other settlement approaches. Undersigned counsel has been in contact with counsel for Crystal River Utilities, Inc. in order to discuss this Status Report and possible available dates for further negotiations. Undersigned counsel has been advised by counsel for Crystal River Utilities, Inc. that he has contacted his client to determine if there are possible additional options that can be explored between the parties. Undersigned counsel for Florida Water will be in further contact with counsel for Crystal River Utilities, Inc. prior to the next status report due on October 17, 2000 and will provide the Commission with an update on negotiations.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this

day of September, 2000.

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