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DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM:

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CHRISTENSEN)

RE:

DOCKET NO. 991437-WS - APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER RATES IN ORANGE COUNTY BY WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC.

Please place the attached letter from Ben E. Girtman, Esquire, dated November 14, 2000, in the above-referenced docket file. Also, please label the letter in CMS as "letter from Ben Girtman agreeing to extension of time," rather than using the generic term, attachment.

Thank you.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Regulatory Oversight (Vandiver)
Division of Economic Regulation (Willis)

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Patty Christensen, Esq. Florida Public Service Commission Division of Legal Services 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 991437-WS, Application of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. to Increase its

Water Rates and Charges

Dear Ms. Christensen:

Subject to the following conditions, Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorney, agrees to an extension of time through and including July 30, 2001, to refrain from exercising its rights to pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes (2000), to implement the full amount of rates requested in its Petition for an increase in rates filed on November 12, 1999. Such agreement is conditioned on the case being decided at Agenda Conference on or before July 10, 2001 and the entry of a final order by the Commission setting rates on or before July 30, 2001. Such agreement is also conditioned on retaining the date of January 16, 2001, for the completion of discovery, as set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-00-1895-PCO-WU issued by the Commission on October 16, 2000. That deadline includes the 20-day time limit for responding to discovery, so that all discovery would be required to be filed and served on or before December 27, 2000. If there is an appeal of any matter in this case, the question of any further extension would be addressed at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Ben E. Girtman Attorney for

Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

cc by facsimile:

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Division of Records and Reporting

Charles Beck, Esq., Office of Public Counsel

Mr. Carl Wenz

Mr. Frank Seidman