

## Public Service Commission

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DATE: December 8, 2000

TO: Chairman J. Terry Deason FROM: Lila A. Jaber, Commissioner

**RE:** Docket No. 991437-WU - Application for increase in water rates in Orange County by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

By Order No. PSC-00-1895-PCO-WU, issued October 16, 2000, controlling dates and hearing dates were established in this docket. These dates were subsequently modified by Order No. PSC-00-2182-PCO-WU, issued November 15, 2000. The Prehearing Conference is currently scheduled for March 2, 2000, and the Hearing is scheduled for March 15-16, 2000.

On December 1, 2000, Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. (Wedgefield or utility) filed its Motion to Abate and to Stay Proceedings Pending Appellate Review (Motion). In support of its Motion, the utility states that it plans to appeal the Commission's decision made at the November 28, 2000, Agenda Conference. On December 4, 2000, OPC filed its Response to Wedgefield's Motion to Abate stating that it did not object to abating this proceeding as described in Wedgefield's Motion.

Abating this proceeding will avoid what may be unnecessary time and expense if Wedgefield is ultimately successful on appeal. Moreover, because Wedgefield has waived the time limitations set forth in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes, and the parties agree to abating this proceeding, Wedgefield's Motion was granted by Order No. PSC-00-2365-PCO-WU, issued December 8, 2000.

Therefore, please:

- 1) Cancel the Prehearing Conference scheduled for March 2, 2000; and
- 2) Cancel the Hearing scheduled for March 15-16, 2000.

Thank you.

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