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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA for a rate increase in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole Counties)))	Docket No. 020071-WS	CLERK CLERK	HOY 27 AH 10: 1	00/01/19
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<u>UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS'</u> <u>FIFTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS</u>

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA (hereinafter "UIF"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files its Objection to Citizens' Fifth Request for Production of Documents as to Requests 49 (the second 49) through 55, and in support thereof states:

49. Please provide all press releases issued by Nuon and/or Utilities, Inc., which addressed the merger between the two companies.

RESPONSE: This Request seeks press releases concerning the merger of Nuon and Utilities, Inc., the parent corporation of UIF. UIF cannot determine any relevance or materiality in such documents nor any admissible evidence to which such documents could lead.

50. Please provide all due diligence studies conducted by or for Utilities, Inc.,

in connection with the possible merger between Utilities, Inc., and Nuon.

RESPONSE: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

51. Please provide all due diligence studies conducted by or for Utilities, Inc., in connection with the possible merger between Utilities, Inc., and Suburban Utilities, Inc.

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- RESPONSE: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 52. Please provide all due diligence studies conducted by or for Nuon in connection with the possible merger between Utilities, Inc., and Nuon.
 - <u>RESPONSE</u>: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 53. Please provide a copy of the merger agreement and all associated and related agreements between Nuon and Utilities, Inc.
 - RESPONSE: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 54. Provide a copy of all four proposals submitted to Utilities, Inc., as a result of the RFP solicitation for a merger partner.
 - RESPONSE: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 55. Provide a copy of the RFP solicitation for a merger partner for Utilities, Inc.
 - RESPONSE: Any such documents are confidential. Further, such documents are irrelevant, immaterial and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

The undersigned attempted to contact the attorney for the Office of Public Counsel who propounded this discovery to determine what relevant and material information these documents are supposed to disclose. However, that attorney is out

of the office this week and objections must be made this week. Thus, UIF will supplement its objections when it learns the purpose of OPC's Requests.

Respectfully submitted on this 25th day of November, 2002, by:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Objection of Utilities, Inc., of Florida to Citizens' Fifth Request for Production has been served upon the following parties by U.S. Mail this day of November, 2002:

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