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November 22, 2011

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Mad Hatter Utility, Inc; 2011 General Rate Increase Application

PSC Docket No. 100337-WS

Our File No. 28023.18

Dear Ms. Cole:

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SRC **ADM** 

On October 26, 2011, we filed on behalf of Mad Hatter Utility, Inc. an Amended Application for Increase in Rates in the above-referenced docket. We now wish to request that a 60 day abatement of any further processing of that application be granted.

The utility has been engaged for many months in discussions with Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA) in Pasco County about the potential sale of the utility system to the FGUA. Recent discussions between the parties have made it clear that the parties should be able to come to some agreement with regard to that sale within the next two months if a sale is in fact to be consummated.

The Commission staff has sent an extensive data request to this utility dated October 31, 2011 with a response due date of November 28, 2011. The Commission's auditors have recently contacted the utility and requested to begin undertaking an audit of the application. The Commission staff is currently working on the deficiency letter required to be filed within 30 days of the amended application and that deficiency letter is therefore due within the next week as well.

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We hereby request an abatement of all further action in this docketed proceeding, including an abatement of the due date for responding to the staff data request; an abatement of the audit currently proposed; and an abatement of the staff's due date for filing a deficiency letter.

The utility hereby waives all statutory time periods for processing this application as outlined in §367.081, Fla. Statutes, for the entire abatement period granted.

Within 60 days, the utility agrees that it will report back to the Commission to update the Commission on the status of discussions with the FGUA or earlier if an arrangement for sale has been consummated or has failed within some time earlier than that 60 day abatement. We request that this abatement be granted immediately so that no further time or energy is expended by either the utility or Commission staff in processing this case while an abatement is in place.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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