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Docket No.: 120161-WS

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Analysis of UTILITIES, INC.'S financial accounting and customer service computer system

<u>UTILITIES, INC.'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO</u> <u>OPC'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT</u>

UTILITIES, INC. ("UI"), of behalf of its regulated subsidiaries in Florida, by and through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, files this Response in opposition to OPC's Request for Oral Argument on Office of Public Counsel's Motion for Summary Final Order which was served on April 17, 2014, and states as follows:

- 1. UI does not believe the Motion presents any novel issues that oral argument would assist the prehearing officer, as supported by the fact that OPC believes five minutes per party is sufficient time for argument.
- 2. However, should the Prehearing Officer determine that oral argument will be of assistance in rendering a decision, UI requests that oral argument be scheduled during the prehearing conference so that UI does not have to incur the expense of its' attorney making a special trip to Tallahassee for purposes of the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Utilities, Inc., on behalf of its regulated Florida subsidiaries, requests that OPC's Motion for Oral Argument be denied.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 120161-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished

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