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Re: Docket No. 20200189 Petition for approval of a regulatory asset to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

Dear Walt,

Please note the Office of Public Counsel objects to the current online Case Assignment and Scheduling Record (CASR) or time schedule which currently sets up entry of a "Standard Order" to occur on October 27, 2020. OPC requests consideration of the instant Petition under the PAA process instead, because the PAA procedures would be most consistent with valid PSC precedent and practice for determining whether to grant the relief requested by the utility in the form of authority to use deferral accounting to create a regulatory asset. It is our position that the time schedule currently outlined in the online docket fails to assure customers due process, in that it fails to provide a timely, adequate point of entry to litigate this case.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

<u>/s/Stephanie Morse</u> Stephanie Morse Associate Public Counsel