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July 17, 1998

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

HAND DELIVERY

RE: Docket No. 971663-WS
Petition of Florida Cities Water Company for limited proceeding to recover environmental litigation costs for North and South Ft. Myers Division in Lee County and Barefoot Bay Divisions in Brevard County.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are an original and fifteen (15) copies of Florida Cities Water Company's Motion For Extension Of Time To File Response To Citizen's Motion To Dismiss.

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter and returning same to my attention.

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Very truly yours,

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B. Kenneth Gatlin

cc: Harold McLean, Esq. (Via Hand Delivery)
Rosanne Gervasi, Esq. (Via Hand Delivery)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of FLORIDA)
CITIES WATER COMPANY, seeking)
recovery of environmental)
litigation costs in a Limited)
Proceeding for its NORTH and)
SOUTH FT. MYERS DIVISION in)
Lee County and BAREFOOT BAY)
DIVISION in Brevard County,)
Florida)

Docket No. 971663-WS

**Florida Cities Water Company's Motion For Extension
Of Time To File Response To Citizen's Motion To Dismiss**

Florida Cities Water Company (FCWC) files this its Motion for Extension of Time to file a response to Citizen's Motion to Dismiss and states:

1. Citizens filed its Motion to Dismiss with the Commission on July 10, 1998, the undersigned counsel received, in the mail, a copy of the Motion on July 13, 1998.

2. Undersigned counsel has not yet had an opportunity to do the research and drafting necessary to file a response to the Motion to Dismiss. Undersigned was either in route or attending hearings in this docket, July 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1998. On this date, July 17, 1998, undersigned attended the Pre-Prehearing in this docket and there is scheduled a Prehearing conference on Monday, July 20, 1998. It appears under the rules that, including the counting of time allowed for mailing, a response will be due to the Motion on July 22, 1998. There is not enough time for the undersigned counsel to do the necessary research and preparation of a response and file it by July 22, 1998.

3. By this Motion, FCWC is seeking to have the time extended

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for the filing of a response to the motion to and including July 29, 1998.

4. The undersigned consulted with Citizen's counsel, Harold McLean, Esq., concerning this Motion for Extension of Time and he has indicated that he has no opposition to this motion.

Wherefore, Florida Cities Water Company hereby moves that the Commission extend the time for filing a response to Citizens Motion to Dismiss to and including July 29, 1998.

Dated this 17th day of July, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery to Rosanne Gervasi, Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 and to Harold McLean, Esq., Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 W. Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400, on this 17th day of July, 1998.


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