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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for Amendment]
of Certificates Nos. 306-W and]
255-S in Charlotte/Lee Counties by]
Southern States Utilities, Inc.]

Docket No. 960907-WS

Request for Deferral

1. Comes Now, the City of Cape Coral (hereinafter "Cape Coral") requesting a deferral on Agenda Item Number 38, Motion to Dismiss Cape Coral's Written Objection, filed by Southern States Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter "applicant") scheduled to be heard on December 17, 1996.

2. Cape Coral requests that Agenda Item 38 be deferred and rescheduled for the Public Service Commission meeting to be held on April 29, 1997.

3. Cape Coral makes this request in good faith as the parties are attempting to resolve this matter between themselves.

4. Resolution of this matter by the parties themselves would eliminate the need for the Public Service Commission to address both the applicant's Motion to Dismiss and any subsequent formal

hearing on Cape Coral's written objection.

5. A grant of this deferral request will promote efficiency because it will spare the Public Service Commission from the need to expend any unnecessary time and resources on this matter.

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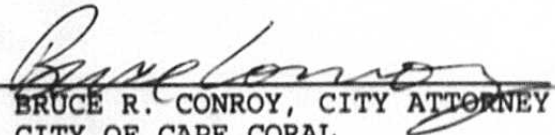
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