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FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (REYES)

RE: DOCKET NO. 960546-WS - APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE WATER AND WASTEMATER SERVICE IN MARION COUNTY BY GOLDEN OCALA UTILITIES, INC.

PSC-97-0985-PCO-WS

Attached is an <u>ORDER GRAWTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE</u> to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in Order - 3)

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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Golden, Redemann, Walker)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificate to provide water and wastewater service in Marion County by Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc. DOCKET NO. 960546-WS ORDER NO. PSC-97-0985-PCO-WS ISSUED: August 19, 1997

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

On April 30, 1996, Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc., (Golden Ocala) filed an application for certificate to provide water and wastewater service in Marion County. On May 24, 1996, Utilities Inc. of Florida objected to Golden Ocala's application. Accordingly, the matter was scheduled for hearing. Order No. PSC-96-0937-PCO-WS, issued July 19, 1996, established the dates and procedure to govern the key activities of this case. By Orders Nos. PSC-97-0184-PCO-WS and PSC-97-0520-PCO-WS, issued February 18, 1997 and May 6, 1997, respectively, Golden Ocala was granted continuances. On July 29, 1997, Golden Ocala filed a Second Notice of Status and Motion for Further Continuance of Hearing. No responses or objections to the motion have been filed.

Golden Ocala states that the parties anticipate finalizing an agreement on or before November 1, 1997. Golden Ocala requests that scheduling of a hearing on its application continue to be suspended for an additional ninety days and that all proceedings, discovery, and other required actions and procedures continue to be suspended until such time as a hearing on the application is rescheduled.

It appears that a reasonable effort among the parties is being made to resolve this matter and an agreement will likely be reached in the very near future. Such an agreement will render moot the pending application by Golden Ocala and the objection of Utilities, Inc. of Florida. Therefore, Golden Ocala's motion for continuance is granted for a period of ninety days. Golden Ocala shall withdraw its pending application or notify the Commission of the status of this matter within ninety days of this Order.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Diane K. Kiesling, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Continuance filed by Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc., is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Golden Ocala Utilities, Inc., shall withdraw its pending application or notify the Commission of the status of this matter within ninety days of the date of this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Diane K. Kiesling, as Prehearing Officer, this 19th day of <u>August</u>, 1997.

DIANE K. KIESLING, CO ioner and Prehearing Officer

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