BEFORE THE FIORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORIGINAL

In re: Application for transfer of)
Certificate Nos 469 W and 358-S)
from Bayside Utilities, Inc. to)
Bayside Utility Services, Inc. in)
Bay County.

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MOTION TO INTERVENE BY SELLER, BAYSIDE UTILITIES, INC.

COMES NOW, Bayside Utilities, Inc., soller in the above styled transfer, and in support of its Motion to Intervene states that.

- Intervene, Bayside Utilities, Inc., the seller, is filing a Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-99-0607-PCC-WS Denying Motion to Dismiss the Objection and Protest which had been filed on behalf of Utilities, Inc. and Bayeide Utility Services, Inc., buyer in the above styled transfer. The Order was issued on April 2, 1999.
- 2. To assure that there is no question that Bayeide Utilities, Inc. is a party to this proceeding, entitled to file the Motion for Reconsideration, seller hereby files this Motlon to Intervene. Because of recent changes in the Administrative Procedure Act (Ch. 120, F.S.) and the uniform rules that were adopted pursuant to that amendment, it is unclear, which rule governs intervention.
- 3. Bayside Utilities, Inc., was named as the seller in the application filed on or about October 26, 1998. As such, the seller is substantially affected by Order No. PSC-99-0607-PCO-WS in that it will be prevented from completing the transfer until well

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after the hearings which have been now been delayed until February 2-3, 2000, causing a delay of between 10 and 15 months in entering a final order approving the transfer. This is an unconscionable delay. The seller should not be compelled to continue operating the utility system long after deciding to sell it, with the resulting costs, risks and responsibilities. Seller is also unreasonably deprived of the proceeds of the sale, and must incur unnecessary attorney fees and costs in dealing with this decision which was based upon faulty information provided to the Commission by the four dissenting customers.

WHEREFORE, Bayside Utilities, Inc. requests that the public Service Commission clarify its status in this proceeding, and if necessary, grant this Motion to Intervene so that its Motion for Reconsideration can be ruled upon by the Commission.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HERBBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been sent to Ben E. Girtman, Esq., Attorney for Buyer, at 1020 E. Lafayette St., Suite 207, Tallahasaee, PL 32301; Mr. Traver A. Kitchens, Bayside Homeowners Ase'n., 1046 Bay Circle, Panama City Beach, FL 32407; Steve Burgess, Esq., Office of Public Counsel, 111 W. Madison St., Tallahasaee, FL 32399-1400 and to Samantha McRae,

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