BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of DOCKET NO. 971220-WS
Application for transfer of : Certificates Nos. 592-W and : 509-S from Cypress Lakes Association, Ltd. to Cypress: Lakes Utilities, Inc. in : Polk County.

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PROCEEDINGS
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will call the hearing to order. Would you please read the notice.

MS. BRUBAKER: Pursuant to notice on September 15th, 1999, this time and place was set for a prehearing conference in Docket Number 971220-WS, application for transfer of Certificates Numbers 592-W and 509-S, from Cypress Lakes Associates, Limited to Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. in Polk County.

The purpose of this conference is set forth in the notice.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you. We will take appearances.

MR. GIRTMAN: My name is Ben Girtman, 1020 East Lafayette Street, Suite 207, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, representing the applicant, Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc.

MR. MCLEAN: My name is Harold McLean of the Office of Public Counsel. Our address is 111 West Madison, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, and I appear on behalf of the citizens of the State of Florida.

MS. BRUBAKER: Stephanie Crossman and Jennifer Brubaker on behalf of the Commission staff.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Are there any preliminary matters we need to take up?

MS. BRUBAKER: Yes, Commissioner, there are several preliminary matters. First is a pending motion to strike OPC's Issues 9 and 10, prehearing statement Issues 9 and 10, filed on September 10th, 1999. There is also a request for official recognition of prior Commission orders filed by the utility on September 23rd, 1999. Furthermore, pursuant to some discussions held in a pre-preconference last week, there may be some discussion about whether this matter should be set for a $120.57(2)$ hearing.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How are Issues 9 and 10 set forth?

MS. BRUBAKER: They appear in Office of Public Counsel's prehearing statement. Those issues were dropped from the draft prehearing order pursuant to the discussions held at the pre-pre. I will be happy to provide you a copy of the prehearing statement if you would like to see those issues.

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, this may be moot. We filed the motion -- as you may recall from the Wedgefield case, similar motions -- or, excuse me, similar issues were raised by OPC in that case. We filed motions to strike. The staff had made a verbal motion to strike at the prehearing conference with

Commissioner Garcia. He ruled that the --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me just ask a question. Why don't I have it in my prehearing order? Have they been withdrawn or do you still want them in there?

MR. MCLEAN: No. We pretty much agreed on those eight issues. It doesn't offend my sensitivities that they didn't survive the pre-prehearing conference.

MR. GIRTMAN: That's why I'm saying it may be moot. The point was that we wanted to make sure what issues we were going to have to address at the hearing and in the brief. OPC's position is apparently that they want to go with the eight staff issues, or that are listed now, but wants to brief Issues 9 and 10. In essence, brief Issues 9 and 10 without them being issues. And I'm a little caught as to what we should do. That's why we didn't withdraw the motion. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. McLean, let me know what they are. Can somebody read 9 and 10 to me?

MR. BRUBAKER: Certainly. Issue 9 from OPC's prehearing statement, does the Commission have any rule which addresses the circumstances under which negative acquisition should be imposed? OPC's position on that is no. Issue 10, may the Commission -COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see them. Mr. McLean, you
don't object to those being taken out as issues?
MR. McLEAN: Correct.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I would assume you intend to argue those points with respect to your positions on other issues?

MR. McLEAN: That is exactly correct.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's wrong with that, Mr. Girtman?

MR. GIRTMAN: That's fine if that's all we are doing. What I'm interpreting is that our motion then is moot.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe it is. MR. GIRTMAN: Okay. COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we will let the prehearing order reflect that. Okay. Any other preliminary matters? MS. BRUBAKER: There is also a request for official recognition filed by the utility. COMMISSIONER CLARK: DOn't we take that up at the beginning of the hearing?

MS. BRUBAKER: Yes, that is typically the time to take it up.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We will take it up at that time.

MR. GIRTMAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Anything else to take up?
Okay. Let's go to the prehearing order. Is
there any changes through Page 4?
MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, Commissioner, on that
last matter, there was some discussion at the preliminary prehearing that we may be able to avoid a hearing, so I didn't want to leave it unaddressed, the request for official recognition. If we don't go to a hearing, then we need to have some kind of determination at some time.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let's go through the prehearing order, get it resolved, and then we will discuss the need for a hearing. And if there is a conclusion that there is no need for the hearing, then we will address official recognition of Commission orders.

Are there any changes through Page 4?
MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, on the last line, the post-hearing procedures, as you may recall in the Wedgefield case which dealt with similar issues, we had to file a motion to file documents in excess of that allowed by the rule. The brief wound up being, I think, 52 pages and the supplemental data analyzing the prior decisions of the Commission at that time was something like 37 or 38 pages. So we will probably

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have to request permission to file in excess of the 40 currently allowed by the rule.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'm not going to change it at this time, and if you need that to be ruled on, we will do so at that time. But $I$ would point out to you that I think when you get much beyond 40 pages you kind of lose your reader. And certainly this is an area that we have looked at time and again. MR. GIRTMAN: I understand.

MR. MCLEAN: Commissioner, we won't object if they do want to file for more than that, particularly if it so that they lose the reader. Actually, seriously we won't impose any objection to that. COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Sounds good. Any changes to Page 5 ?

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, on the issue numbers for direct testimony of Carl Wenz, we should add Issue 4.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. MR. GIRTMAN: And in rebuttal, Carl Wenz' Issues 1 through 8 inclusive. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. MR. GIRTMAN: And Frank Seidman, add Issue 4. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We will make those changes. Any changes to Page 6?

MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, Commissioner, I think the OPC in the prehearing draft says Mr. McLean will update as to the issues that Mr. Larkin is addressing. COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is another update. It indicates that Mr. Larkin will address Issues 3, 4, 5, and 6.

MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Issue 6. I mean, Page 6. No changes.

Page 7, any changes to the issues or the positions?

MR. MCLEAN: Commissioner, Issue 3, we say no position at this time, one of our concerns is whether the case is going to go to hearing or not, and I can't think of a simple way to say this, but let me do the best $I$ can. We may differ from the staff and from the utility on that issue, but our disagreement is not important enough to go to hearing on. If we go to hearing, we will put on some evidence on that issue. We don't want that -- if we can work out a procedure by which we don't need to go to hearing, Issue 3 doesn't need to be a deal breaker, if you follow me. So, perhaps when the decision is made about whether we are going to go to hearing, I can come back and revisit that issue and simply agree with staff or
take no position. But if we are going to go to hearing, I think we will probably introduce some evidence on that issue.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let me ask you with respect to Issue 1 and Issue 2 , by the fact that you have no position on those, do we, in fact, have no issues?

MR. MCLEAN: I don't think that is all that farfetched. I mean, I think that we may be a few dollars apart here and there, but I'm not sure that's worth going to hearing on. The principal disagreement which remains is the legal effect to be given to the facts which are pretty much before us, although I'm not sure in the record. The record as I understand at this time has pleadings in it and that's about it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess I'm not -- if you agree not to go to hearing, you are not taking -- it is with the understanding that there would be no testimony moved into the record?

MR. McLEAN: I'm not sure either way is particularly critical to us. It seems to me to make more sense to move the testimony into the record, but I don't see that as a necessity. I can look to your staff to give you a recommendation on that point.

MR. GIRTMAN: We would agree with OPC that it is
better to have the testimony and exhibits in the record. Otherwise, what do you have upon which to base a decision, what facts are there? I think we can stipulate that the testimony and exhibits are what they are. Of course, OPC is going to disagree with our witness and we are going to disagree with their witness, but we don't object to the introduction. I don't think there is any objection to the introduction of all of the testimony and exhibits that have been filed to date.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Let's just -MR. MCLEAN: I think the legal effect of what Mr. Girtman is suggesting, and I certainly concur with, is we simply waive cross which doesn't say anything about the accuracy of the testimony or anything like that. But it seems to odd to me to argue off of a record that is devoid of facts other than the pleadings. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Go ahead. MS. BRUBAKER: I was simply going to say that unless we are willing to stipulate to the facts, it seems to me that by entering testimony and exhibits which are in contravention to each other on the face that we do have disputed issues of material fact. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I understand that, but notwithstanding that we agree not to go to hearing
because cross is waived. And the only thing we have to check with is whoever is assigned to this if they are comfortable with the notion of waiving cross, stipulating it into the record and simply let the parties brief it.

MR. MCLEAN: I think the majority of the disagreement among our witnesses is the legal import to be given to the facts. And, of course, the witnesses testify extensively about the legal import, but for me I think that is a matter for legal resolution rather than disputed facts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, let's go through and see if there are any changes to the prehearing and then deal with what procedure we might follow.

Any changes to Page 8 ?
MR. MCLEAN: Yes, ma'am. Issue 4, we find ourselves agreeing with staff.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any changes on Page 9 ? Page 10?

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, as to Exhibit CW-2, which is the application, I want to be sure that it is reflected here that it includes the late-filed exhibits. There were at least a revised Exhibit $G$ and an Exhibit H.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any objection, Mr. McLean?

MR. MCLEAN: No, ma'am.
MR. GIRTMAN: I don't believe there were any other late-filed exhibits. But if there are, I want to be sure that's all of them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm sorry, when you say late-filed, you mean a revision to the --

MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, there was a Late-filed Exhibit $G$ regarding the publication of notice, and a page was left out. So we revised the exhibit. Exhibit $G$ also was filed as a late-filed exhibit to correct that error.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: But Exhibit $G$ is what, an attachment to the application?

MR. GIRTMAN: It is required by the application. It is an affidavit regarding the publication of notice and the notice on the notice materials. And it is filed as a late-filed exhibit. The Exhibit $G$ that was filed as a late-filed exhibit had an error because it left out a page, and Mr. Wenz filed a revised Exhibit G. So whether we take the revised Exhibit $G$ or both of them --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want whatever is included in CW-2 to include the revised Exhibit $G$ and revised Exhibit H?

MR. GIRTMAN: No, it is not revised Exhibit H,

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just Exhibit H. That is the articles of incorporation. And I don't believe -- I looked through the file this morning, and I don't believe there were other late-filed exhibits. But if there were, I want to be sure they are included.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, we will show that revised Exhibit $G$ and Exhibit $H$ are included. Please let us know if there are any others. Yes.

MS. BRUBAKER: Commissioner, if I may revisit Page 8, Issue 4. With regard to OPC's position of no position, they would adopt a position of agreeing with staff?

MR. McLEAN: Yes.
MS. BRUBAKER: Okay. It seems to me we have a proposed stipulation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'm thinking there may be stipulations in the other. If he doesn't take any positions, then you don't have issues. So we will try and deal with that at the end. Okay. You have taken care of the motion to strike. So we have taken care of the prehearing order.

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, also just for information, on Frank Seidman's Exhibit FS-1, that is a document containing the list of prior cases of the Commission dealing with acquisition adjustments
including those subsequent to the Wedgefield case. It also includes a chart and some analysis in there. And just for clarification, we are asking that the list of exhibits be officially recognized and not his analysis of it. That, of course, is just an exhibit for argument and brief.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I guess it's six of one, half a dozen of the other if we just move everything into the record.

MR. GIRTMAN: Right.
MR. MCLEAN: This is a list of orders?
MR. GIRTMAN: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And his analysis of the order, as I understand it.

MR. GIRTMAN: That's what I gave you at the preliminary prehearing. Yes, that's the one.

MR. MCLEAN: I'm a little confused. You are moving those in as an exhibit. Those are Mr. Seidman's analysis of the legal import of the orders?

MR. GIRTMAN: No, no. It is a factual statement of what they do. How many cases were positive acquisition adjustments, how many were negative, what were the dollars. It's straight numbers.

MR. MCLEAN: No objection to that.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Now, we have -- all
of the issues, as I see it, are potentially stipulated except for the negative acquisition adjustment, would that be correct?

MR. MCLEAN: 5, 6 and 8, Madam Chairman.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: 5, 6, and 8. Okay. 6 is a fallout of 5 .

MR. MCLEAN: Correct.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let me suggest this as a procedure. That we leave the prehearing order as it is showing the positions on the issues and not attempt to indicate which ones are stipulated and which ones are simply no positions, but leave them as stated at this point and then indicate the parties have agreed to stipulating the testimony and the exhibits into the record, and the waiving of cross examination. And the parties will brief the legal issues, and those legal issues can be based on the testimony that has been provided and stipulated into the record. And that that being the case, there is no need for a hearing, an actual hearing, and we can simply have the briefing. Is that fair? Is that what you want to do? MR. McLEAN: Fair and acceptable. MR. GIRTMAN: I think it is satisfactory, yes. MR. McLEAN: Commissioner, you voiced a concern

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that some of the other panel needed to be advised. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. I want to make sure that they don't have a desire to question the witnesses.

MS. GERVASI: Commissioner, this is very similar to what we did in the Florida Cities EPA case. But if you recall, we actually did convene the hearing in order to have all of the testimony and exhibits entered. So you actually would probably have to convene a hearing for that purpose. It will be short because there won't be any need for cross examination, but it doesn't obviate the $120.57(1)$ hearing in its entirety.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see your point. That if we were doing it to strictly -- if we were going to the extent of categorizing it as a (1) or a (2), and if we characterized it as a (2), then we could just do it in a paper way.

MS. GERVASI: Right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: In this instance, you think since we are not going to go to the extent of trying to categorize it, and perhaps losing a stipulation on not having a hearing, we should convene the hearing, stipulate it into the record, and then have the parties agree that they will brief the issues, but
will rely on the evidence as filed.
MS. GERVASI: Right.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. When is the hearing? MS. GERVASI: October 20.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where is it?
MS. GERVASI: Lakeland.
MR. GIRTMAN: Is it possible to do that here,
Commissioners?
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's right. That's what I
need to know. Can we do this here?
MS. GERVASI: Well, we did do it here the last time we did a hearing like this.

MR. MCLEAN: But the hearing was scheduled for here in that case.

MS. GERVASI: Was it, I don't recall. We would have to check into that. I don't know offhand. MR. MCLEAN: Yes. We went to a couple of technical hearings or service hearings in the service area and then we did the technical ones back here. It seems very cumbersome to me to go down there, too. MS. GERVASI: Do we have service hearings scheduled in this case, I don't know. If there is no scheduled service hearings, there was no intent to have customer testimony entered in. COMMISSIONER CLARK: When did the notice go out?

MS. BRUBAKER: It has not yet gone out.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Then can we indicate that we have moved it here?

MS. BRUBAKER: I'm sorry, I misspoke. There has been an FAW notice that has issued. I suppose we could revise that. We couldn't do it timely for the October 20th date, however. Staff has not issued its notice, nor has the utility noticed the customers yet, but the FAW notice has gone out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, why don't you find out if we can change the location of the hearing?

MR. GIRTMAN: If we have to change the hearing date it would seem to be no difficulty except getting the panel.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, we could do that before an agenda. If we have to change the hearing date in order to accomplish that, why don't we do it and set it for five minutes before an agenda and deal with it then. Why don't I leave it to you all to figure out a way so that we can have the hearing up here, and we simply convene it to move the testimony into the record, and then adjourn it and leave it to briefing.

Is that satisfactory?
MR. GIRTMAN: That's fine.
MR. McLEAN : I don't want to blindside anyone, we
will probably not participate in a decision to move the hearing, but we will not object to it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.
MR. McLEAN: Does that make sense?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. Is there anything else we need to take up?

MR. McLEAN: Briefing schedule if it is going to change. It is kind of a shame to have everything before us now and not be able to --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Speed up the briefing schedule?

MR. McLEAN: No. Goodness, we would want to do that.

MR. GIRTMAN: We have no objection with keeping the same briefing schedule, we will just have the hearing whenever it is convenient, because we know what the evidence is going to be, unless the other two Commissioners want to have a full hearing. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Before we change the hearing, I think you had better ask the other Commissioners if they are comfortable with simply stipulating it into the record and moving the hearing up here. Let them know that no customer testimony was provided for, and OPC has no objection to moving the hearing, although they do not request it be moved.

And tell them we need to hear back from them if they object to that procedure.

MR. GIRTMAN: In fact, Commissioner, the seller whose name -- his attorney's name was on the service list, has filed a letter recently asking that they be taken off the service list. And I think OPC had indicated there was an attorney representing a customer down there, and they had asked to be taken off the service list. Is that correct?

MR. MCLEAN: That is correct.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Are you clear on the procedure we are going to follow?

MS. BRUBAKER: I believe so.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Anything else to come up?

MR. GIRTMAN: Is it possible to communicate with those other two Commissioners before we leave today? COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not going to stay around here to hear from them. I think by close of business today we certainly could hear from them. Who are the other two Commissioners assigned to this?

MS. BRUBAKER: That would be Commissioner Deason and Johnson. I assume at some point that case would be reassigned to one of the other Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It may not be reassigned; it
may be left to the two Commissioners. I guess you will have to find that out from the Chairman. And find out -- it occurs to me that maybe that they will reassign someone.

MR. GIRTMAN: Jennifer, would you repeat the Commissioners' names.

MS. BRUBAKER: Currently, it is slated for Commissioners Deason, Clark, and Johnson. An additional concern, Commissioner. The brief -- or, excuse me, the staff recommendation is currently scheduled for January 6 th of 2000 , with briefs being due November 17 th . In light of the holiday season, I would like to see if it would be permissible to move those dates up.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think we have a -we are not having an agenda on that day anyway. I think Chairman Garcia indicated that the Governor's Office has requested we not have an agenda on that day, I think.

MS. BRUBAKER: So it would be permissible to schedule that so we are not in the middle of a holiday.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, you can bump it one agenda. I mean, that is my recommendation, but, of course, the Chairman controls those things.

MR. GIRTMAN: We have no objection if the staff wants to do that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. I'm pretty sure that -- is that the first agenda after the holidays? I think it is. Yes, and I think we have been requested not to have that agenda.

MS. BRUBAKER: The calendar indicates a special agenda on the 11th.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nothing on the 6th?
MS. BRUBAKER: And an agenda on the 18th. The 6 th would be the due date for the recommendation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see. Okay. And you want an extension?

MS. BRUBAKER: Well, actually an extension would be allowable or possibly see if we could move it up prior to the Christmas season. Or file the briefs just a little early.

MR. MCLEAN: If it makes -- we can start some briefs now. I mean, unless something drastic happens.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you like to move the briefs up and move the agenda date up, too?

MS. BRUBAKER: If that is permissible. The recommendation date.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know, I guess -- why don't you leave the recommendation where it is and

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just move the briefs up? That will give you some flexibility.

MS. BRUBAKER: That's fine. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is there an objection to that, moving the briefing date up?

MR. GIRTMAN: No. What date would you suggest?
MR. MCLEAN: How much?
MS. BRUBAKER: If we could move it up by two weeks.

MR. GIRTMAN: To which date?
MS. BRUBAKER: Ten working days. That would make the briefs due on November $3 r d$.

MR. GIRTMAN: I think that's fine with us.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Isn't it just a matter of changing the names in some existing briefs?

MR. GIRTMAN: Yes, Commissioner. That's why I was asking for 55 pages. My brief is already written, most of it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, maybe our
recommendation is, too. I'm just jesting, of course.
MR. MCLEAN: Not to mention the order.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then why don't we do that. Why don't we move it up and that will give you some flexibility. If you can get it done earlier or if you need -- it will just give you a window of opportunity
to work on it.
MS. BRUBAKER: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right.
MR. MCLEAN: If we need to go to hearing then -if we do need to go to hearing for some reason, we are going back to the original briefing schedules and so forth?

MS. BRUBAKER: Yes.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we should know by the end of today. I guess the thing you need to do is alert the Chairman's office that this can be a short hearing, just stipulating the evidence into the record and that we can -- although it is scheduled for down there, we think we can move it up here, but we need to know about who he wants to assign to it.

If he wants to leave it a two-member panel, alert him to the fact who is on the two-member panel, and indicate it may be wise to put a third person on otherwise he may be hearing it himself, I guess, to be candid. All right.

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, the reason I asked if we could find out this afternoon, we have two days to get the notice out, October 6th.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand. And I'm pretty sure we can find something out today. Although

I would ask staff to look into whether or not -- I know it has been our practice to convene the hearings, but where we have an agreement to stipulate it into the record, I'm not sure there is a necessity for holding that.

MR. MCLEAN: Neither am I. And if there is we waive our part of it. That seems very cumbersome -MR. GIRTMAN: As do we.

MR. MCLEAN: And I think Rosanne is probably right. But if you find a way in which we can do it, we won't object.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Just something else to put in the list of to do when you can get to them. Okay.

MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, going back to the question, one of the last items I have left on here was talking about the number of pages in the brief, and I concur. When you go beyond a certain level the attention span of any reader drops off somewhat. My concern is that when we did the Wedgefield brief we had to go into a lot of background and detail, and I was thinking about just adopting the Wedgefield brief, but that is really not going to work. Or adopting parts of it. And I don't think that really is the best practice to do, so I'm stuck with having to redo
the arguments that I have done before.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's fine. All you have to do is indicate that you cannot -- you need that. I would still urge you to cut it down to the extent you can.

MR. GIRTMAN: I will do my best. We had a very detailed table of contents, so it broke it down very easily to follow. And I have already been thinking about what parts I'm going to leave out, but the problem is that this is a stand-alone case. I mean, it's not the Wedgefield case, although -COMMISSIONER CLARK: I appreciate that. MR. GIRTMAN: -- it is practically identical. And so I've got to make the arguments again. I will do my best, and if I find -- I know I'm going to need more pages than 40 , because we are having to analyze all those prior cases, or at least provide a short summary of some of them. So I know there is going to be a motion and I will just go ahead and file the motion and when I get down to find out the number of pages.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right.
MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will still hold out the hope that that may not be necessary. But if it, is we
will handle it.
MR. MCLEAN: Or we could stipulate that the Commission has a non-rule policy on the issue. Maybe that will save Mr . Seidman all the trouble.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is there anything else that we need to handle in this prehearing conference?

MS. BRUBAKER: Staff has nothing. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hearing none, we will adjourn.

MR. MCLEAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you.
(The prehearing conference concluded at 2:15 p.m.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF LEON )

I, JANE FAUROT, RPR, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings was taken before me at the time and place therein designated; that my shorthand notes were thereafter translated under my supervision; and the foregoing pages number 1 through 28 are a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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