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Re: Docket Number: 920199-WS

Dear Ms. Bayo' :

In connection with the above-referenced matter enclosed please find intervenors, Joseph J. DeRouin, Victoria M. DeRouin, Peter H. Heeschen, Elizabeth A. Riordan, Carvell Simpson and Edward Slezak's, Response in Opposition to Motion to Disqualify Attorney Retained by FWSC together with fifteen (15) copies for filing with your office.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

ACK Yours truly,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for rate increase)  
 in Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, )  
 Clay, Duval, Highlands, Lake, )  
 Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, ) DOCKET NO.: 920199-WS  
 Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, ) December 19, 1997  
 Volusia, and Washington Counties by )  
 SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.; )  
 Collier County by MARCO SHORES )  
 UTILITIES (Deltona); Hernando County)  
 by SPRING HILL UTILITIES (Deltona); )  
 and Volusia County by DELTONA LAKES )  
 UTILITIES (Deltona) )  
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RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION  
 TO DISQUALIFY ATTORNEY RETAINED BY FWSC

Come now, Joseph J. DeRouin, Victoria M. DeRouin, Peter H. Heeschen, Elizabeth A. Riordan, Carvell Simpson and Edward Slezak, by and through undersigned counsel, and file this Response in Opposition to Motion to Disqualify Attorney Retained by FWSC, and in support thereof state as follows:

1. Joseph J. DeRouin, Victoria M. DeRouin, Peter H. Heeschen, Elizabeth A. Riordan, Carvell Simpson and Edward Slezak hired the undersigned attorneys to represent them in this docket to stop the Public Service Commission's imposition of surcharges on them as customers of Florida Water Services Corporation. MP Water Resources, Inc. agreed to pay for legal representation for these potential surcharge customers.

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2. Rule 4-1.8 and Rule 4-5.4, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar specifically provide for the payment of attorney fees by a third-party.

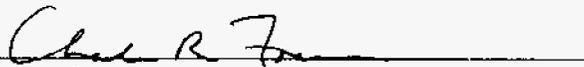
3. Undersigned counsel has exercised and will continue to exercise independent judgment on behalf of its clients, Joseph J. DeRouin, Victoria M. DeRouin, Peter H. Heeschen, Elizabeth A. Riordan, Carvell Simpson and Edward Slezak, pursuant to Rule 4-5.4(d).

4. Potential conflicts of interest between undersigned counsel's clients and MP Water Resources, Inc. have been properly disclosed to all clients and MP Water Resources, Inc. Additionally, undersigned counsel has properly obtained waivers of conflict of interest from all clients and MP Water Resources, Inc.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the attached list of addressees, by U.S. Mail, this 19th day of December, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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