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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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**S.C. Supreme Court**

RE: *Carolina Water Service, Inc. v. South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, Forty Love Homeowners Association and Midlands Utility, Inc.*; S.C. Public Service Commission Docket No. 2011-47-WS; Case Tracking Number 2012-208126

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On behalf of the Respondent South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, I hereby request an extension of time for the ORS to file its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal.

ORS respectfully requests an extension until August 17, 2012, in which to file its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal. Counsel for ORS is cognizant that this requested extension is longer than the usual extension request, but counsel bases her request upon impending professional obligations and continuing work schedule as well as long-standing vacation plans. ORS has consulted with counsel representing the other parties to this appeal, and they consent to this requested extension.

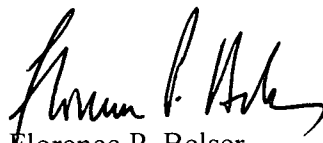
Additionally, counsel for ORS is aware that counsel for another Respondent has indicated she has filed an extension to file the Initial Briefs and Designation of Matter on Appeal. ORS is seeking the same due date that was proposed by counsel so that the due date for all Respondents' briefs would be the same.

The ORS is a state agency having been created by the South Carolina General Assembly with the enactment of Act 175 of 2004. As the ORS is a state agency, I have not included a filing fee in reliance on Rule 240(d), SCACR which provides in part that "[t]his filing fee shall not be required for ... motions or petitions filed by the State of South Carolina or its departments or agencies."

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the other parties to this appeal. In addition, I would appreciate the extra copy being clocked in and returned by our courier.

If additional information is needed, or if there are any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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