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Director, Division of Records And Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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REF: Application by Florida Water Services

Dear Director,

In responding to the legal notice issued by Florida Water Services I am requesting that your Division deny this application. There are numerous reasons for denial, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) The legal notice, though perfectly legal on the surface leaves a lot to be desired. A normal person reading this notice has no idea what it is for. As the notice states, "... of the Application of Florida Water Services Corporation for an original certificate for the authorization for an existing utility currently charging for service from the Florida Public Service Commission...). How is anyone to know what they are requesting? It took me over 30 minutes on the telephone and numerous calls to discover the true intent of this request. The entire notice should be null and void, and at a minimum, they should have to start over, describing in detail what they are requesting.
- 2) Both the Hernando and Pasco County Governments are local and more aware of local priorities and needs and as such should retain jurisdiction in this matter.
- 3) If Florida Water Services Corporation submits a rate increase request, or other matter, to the PSC, the PSC reviews the matter as a whole.
- 4) Florida Water Services Corporation simply can not be trusted. The previous litigation a few years ago justifies this belief. As I'm sure you are aware, there was a court ordered refund to customers in Hernando County. To date this order has not been followed, and I'm sure never will be.

There are many additional reasons for the denial of this request and I'm positive the PSC knows them all. Please deny this request and leave the regulation of Florida Water Services Corporation at the local government level where it rightfully belongs.

Very Truly Yours,

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