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Director of the Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Services Commission  
2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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Dear Director:

Following is a copy of my protest written to you, topppp F. Marshall Deterding, the Dunnellon Riverland Newspaper and to the Ocala Star Banner.

Property owners in Rainbow Springs have received a (to me) unwelcome letter. This letter threatens certain property owners with the likelihood that they will be compelled to accept the distress accompanying hooking up to city water supplies.

This letter, dated December 16th, stipulates that property owners have 30 days in which to protest this proposal. The letter states, "Written objections of the above noted extension must be filed with the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, and a copy provided to F. Marshall Deterding, ROSE, SUNDRON & BENTLEY, LLP, 2548 BLAIRSTONES PINES DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301, no later than 30 days after the last date this notice was mailed or published whichever is later."

This actually fewer-than thirty day time limit for protests (fewer than 30 days, that is), clearly indicates that the powers that be have no intention of allowing the development of meaningful protest. This almost-non-existent time period is virtually a fait accompli (something already done and irreversible).

- ACK \_\_\_\_\_
  - AFA \_\_\_\_\_
  - APP \_\_\_\_\_ Unless each individual independently reacts with fanatic frenzy;
  - CAF \_\_\_\_\_ this deed will be accomplished without opposition. By the sound
  - CMU \_\_\_\_\_ of this dictum, more than likely, protests (regardless of how
  - CTR \_\_\_\_\_ preponderant) will avail nothing.
  - EAG \_\_\_\_\_ Whether or not your property is included on this schedule; it
  - LEG \_\_\_\_\_ may be on the next. Be not as in Niemoller's lament. He said
  - LIN \_\_\_\_\_ that the Nazi's had attacked one group. Because he was not a
  - OPC \_\_\_\_\_ member of that group; he did not protest. The Nazi's next
  - RCH \_\_\_\_\_ attacked another group. ~~Because~~ he was also not a member of
  - SEC \_\_\_\_\_ that group; he again ~~did~~ not protest. Then, when they finally
  - WAS \_\_\_\_\_ attacked his group; there was no one left to protest with him.
  - OTH \_\_\_\_\_ He was forced to protest alone ~~and~~ of course, fruitlessly.
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Whether or not your property is on the present assault-list; the unfair, dictatorial, lacking-in-information nature of its presentation cries out for militant protest from all.

In a "democracy", it is pitiable that one must impute to the powers that be, the very most un-democratic of motives. However, such imputation seems to be a necessity. When have you ever heard of any Floridian minority successfully withstanding the attacks of a trampling, authoritative power? **Actually, how often does even a majority win against such tactics?**

Why be concerned about this water issue?

1. Dunnellon city water is repugnant to the taste.
2. Many people, to a considerable extent, chose to live in Rainbow Springs because they would not be plagued by expropriational water and sewer bills. I have been told that watering lawns would be out for the common man should to-be-expected high water and sewer bills be exacted from us.
3. Much money has been spent upon wells and septic tanks which seem to be the procedure of choice and is most certainly my choice of water system.

It is not too much to militantly demand a vote on this issue, by the people involved, of the people involved and for the people involved..

After the exorbitant expense of city water and sewers has been forced down our throats; you will then immediately become strongly concerned. Why cannot you be strongly concerned now when your concern may prevent such disaster?

No one can write these two letters for you. Nothing except your own enlightened self-interest can force you to write them.

While it costs each individual enough just to write this couple of letters; it will certainly cost excruciatingly more not to write those two letters! And tomorrow will be too late! Today may already be too late! Perhaps it has always been too late.

I am trying to do my part. Am I to battle alone?

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