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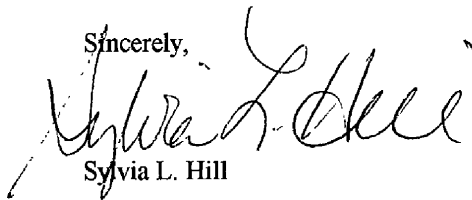
I received a notice from Florida Water Services Corporation stating that the Corporation is applying "for an original certificate of authorization for an existing utility currently charging for service from the Florida Public Service Commission for the provision of water and wastewater services." After six (6) pages of legal description of the area, which looks like gobbledygook to a layperson like me, the Corporation notes that any objection must be made in "particularity" to the FPSC.

The Florida Water Services Corporation neglected in this notice to state to its customers the "particularity" of their application. For what are they making this application? To an uninformed layperson such as myself, it would seem that this Corporation is trying to absolve itself of the responsibility it has toward its present governing authority, the counties and the government of those counties, which is the people who must obtain water and/or wastewater service from the Corporation.

Since the Florida Water Services Corporation is presently in negotiations for sale of its utility to the counties, I object to the application the Corporation has made to the FPSC for a change of regulating authority. And I strenuously object to the manner in which the Corporation so ambiguously "informed" its customers.

As of right now, the customers of the Florida Water Services Corporation are subjected to low water pressure and high prices, which our county has been trying to address with its study for the purchase of the utility. I maintain that the Corporation is trying to force a higher purchase price by changing the venue of its regulating authority, so *please do deny* the application.

Sincerely,



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