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**DATE:** June 24, 2004

**TO:** Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director

**FROM:** Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, General Counsel *RG*

**RE:** Docket No. 031087-WU -Application for certificate to provide water service in Polk county by The Colinas Group, Inc., receivers for Lazy S Utility Co.

Please file the attached letters in the above-referenced docket file.

RS/mary  
Attachments

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1502 S. Westgate Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33803*

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The Colinas Group, Inc Receivers  
For the Lazy S Utility  
2031 E. Edgewood Drive-Suite 5  
Lakeland, Florida 33802-3601

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F. F. Konecki  
1542 S. Westgate Av.  
Jacheland, Ph. 33803

Dear Sir,

I believe you should start an investigation as to what is going here in regards to the receivership on our water situation here.

I have lived in this home for over 25 years and my average water bill had run at about 15 on the average in <sup>the</sup> tower.

This certain receivership has taken over most of this mobile park here as the water goes.

The former owner did not run this master meter as he should have and this people raised the price to \$35.00 everyone. The meters are never read. The city is really at fault as they should not have given the water franchise to him in the first place. Now they want to raise the price again. We pay more money now for the same city water that they charge in Jacheland elsewhere.

If necessary we will get the residents to hire an attorney & bring this area in the center of the city to court to clear this mess.

An investigation should bring some interesting results as to what goes on. (Sincerely)

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Arnold & Jean Cook  
1409 Faye Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33803  
June 8, 2004

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2540 Lakewood Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Director:

We are objecting to the application of Lazy & Receiver, pursuant to Section 367.045. The reasons for our objections are as follows:

1. Colinas Group hasn't done what they said they'd do per community meetings.
2. Leaks need repaired.
3. Our cost is out of proportion now for what water we use.

We have a suggestion. Why can't the bank of Lazy & be attached and sold since they collected the water money and didn't pay the current water bill to the City of Lakeland? Perhaps this would alleviate the money crisis.

We do not like being threatened about water rates being raised. Please give these ideas some consideration.

Sincerely,  
Arnold & Jean Cook

Arnold & Jean Cook  
1409 Faye Ave  
Lakeland, FL  
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Johnny M. Gray  
1517 Alice Ave.  
Lakeland, FL 33803

*a Family of "1"*



JOHNNY GRAY  
1517 ALICE AVE  
LAKELAND, FL 33803

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Attention Director Division of Records & Reports  
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While reading our daily news paper the Lakeland Ledger, I noticed that the Colinas Group was wanting to do a rate increase. I object to this for the simple fact that I feel we are overcharged for the poor service we receive now. There are only two of us and our bill is \$35.50 per month now. I could understand it being so high if we were a family of four and water our grass on a regular basis.

Please take this in consideration when you make your final decision.

Thank you

Jammy Y. Smith

Jammy Y. Smith

1403 FAYE AVE.

Lakeland FL. 33803-1715

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Director, Division of Records And  
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My Property is located At 1404<sup>th</sup>  
Southern Ave. Lakeland, FL. I am  
Currently paying \$35.50 per month  
For water. I am Against any Price  
increase because it is already too  
high. There is not any yard to  
water, so I don't think we should  
get charged anymore than what  
we are doing now.

Kevin Smith  
1404 Southern Ave.  
Lakeland, FL.  
33803

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Division of Records & Reporting

May 26, 04

Florida Public Service Commission

noticed an ad in the Lakeland  
Ledger from The Calinas Group  
for a rate change for utilities.  
I object to any increase because  
I only have social security to  
live on. There is only 2 people  
living in this household & there  
is not any possible way we can  
use \$35.50 worth of water  
that we are paying now.  
Please take this in consideration.

Darlene Smith

1405 Faye Ave.  
Lakeland, Fl.  
33803-1715

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Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of RCR

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Re: Rate Increase/

Docket 031087-

TO: The Director Division of Records and Reporting

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I am writing in reference to the letter that was published on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 in the Lakeland Ledger, which I have enclosed a copy of it. To my knowledge this will give the Collins group the chance to raise the water rates in the area that I live in. I think this is an outrage! Everyone in this area is already paying \$35.00 every month regardless of how much water you use from my knowledge we are paying this because when Lazy S' Corporation was in charge of the water from years before people were not paying their bills and Lazy S' Corp. was not keeping up with their bills to the City of Lakeland. This is not fair to me to pay for someone else's bills when I have only been living out here for 2 years and Always pay my bills on time. This is not fair for them to overcharge for water that is not even good to drink. The Collins group sent us a letter saying the water has traces of lead in it which over a period of time can cause cancer now why should I pay \$0.60 or even \$10.00 a month for water that is not even good to drink. Please Do not allow this increase to happen!!!!

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Thanks.

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Thank you!

*LAZY S' CORPORATION utility*  
We called them and they said the water bill was not going up so  
If the water bill is not going up what does this mean. →

Thanks,  
Jerry & Norma Williams

Norma L Williams  
1520 S. WestGate ave  
Lake Land FL. 33803

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Charles Tyson, Sr. & Bonnie Tyson

*Charles Tyson Sr.*  
Mailing Address:  
PO Box 8945  
Lakeland, FL 33806

*Bonnie Tyson*  
Physical Address:  
1508 S. Westgate Ave.  
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**DIVISION RECORDS AND REPORTING**

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32299-0850

COLINAS GROUP INC. RECIEVERS  
FOR LAZY S UTLITY  
2033 E. EDGEWOOD DR. SUITE 5  
LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33803

CHERLE AND LARRY MARVEL 1512 WESTGATE AV.S.

LAKELAND FLA. 33803

863-6887117

**TO WHOM IT MAY SONCERN:**

I AM WRITING CONCERNING THE LEGAL APPLICATION IN THE LEDGER ON TUESDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2004.

WE ARE NOW PAYING \$35.50 A MONTH NOW. OUR RATES KEEP GOING UP AND UP. I AM ON LOT #180. I DO NOT AGREE, THAT THEY CAN KEEP GOING UP ON THE RATES, WHEN WE ARE BEING CHARGED, 2 TO 3 TIMES THE AMOUNT ANYWHERE ELSE AROUND US. THE WATER IS NOT REALLY DRINKABLE AT TIMES. I HAD TO HAVE A WATER SOFTNER SYSTEM INSTALLED, BECAUSE OF THE UPSET STOMACH AND MY PROBLEMS WITH MY KIDNEY AND BLADDER. SO I HAVE THE ADDED EXPENSE OF KEEPING UP WITH THAT ALSO.

Is this legal? Why are we singled out? And why are we made to pay such high water bills. This is not included on our light bills. We very seldom water our lawns. And we try to be sparely with our water content. Is there any way we can have a voice in this. I realize I do not understand a lot of the legal laws concerning this. I just try to make sure my bills are paid, on time. If this keeps going up , I will have to do with out water and more than likely have to move. They also say that even if we do not live here we will still be required to pay a monthly water fee.

**HELP>**

THANK YOU

CHERLE MARVEL *Cherle Marvel*  
LARRY MARVEL *Larry marvel*

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Mrs. Cherle Marvel  
1512 S Westgate Ave.  
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MAY 26 2004

Directo, Division of Records & reporting  
Fla Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee Fl 32399

COMMISSION  
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RE: Proposed water rate increase

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a resident of Lazy S mobile home park and have been since 1975. The Colinas Group, Inc Receivers for the Lazy S. Utility have proposed a rate increase on our water.

We are currently paying \$35.50 for 8,000 gallons of water usage a month. This charge is already more than 2 times the amount that the city of Lakeland currently charges. The current rate is \$1.73 per 1000 gallons of water usage which amounts to \$13.84 for 8,000 gallons.

There are only 2 people in my household and yet I am charged the same as the people across the street with 7 family members.

I was personally told a year ago that improvements were to be made to our water system as the supply lines are at least 40 years old. Our water pressure is very low at the present time. I was also told that new water meters would be installed. None have been installed to date. We were told that we would have to pay for the installation of the meters.

CMP \_\_\_\_\_  
COM \_\_\_\_\_ There are currently meters that up until 1 year ago were being read and the water was being billed accordingly, that are not being utilized.

CTR \_\_\_\_\_  
ECR 1 With none of the above mentioned improvements being made, and the fact that we are already paying more than 2 times the normal fee for our water I request that the rate increase requested be denied.

GCL 1

OPC \_\_\_\_\_ Sincerely,  
MMS \_\_\_\_\_ *Roberta Jeffery*  
Roberta Jeffery

RCA \_\_\_\_\_ ec: The Colinas Group, Inc Receivers  
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ty, Florida, as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE LAZY S  
WATER UTILITY SERVICE AREA**

Commencing at the  
Northwest corner of Sec-  
tion 26, Township 28 South,  
Range 23 East, thence  
South a distance of 25' to  
the South right-of-way line  
of Ariana Street also being  
THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
thence due east along the  
South right-of-way line of  
Ariana Street to the North-  
east corner of the West 1/2  
of the East 1/2 of the  
Northwest 1/4 of said sec-  
tion, thence Southerly a  
distance of 1225', thence  
Easterly a distance of 670'  
to the East line of the  
Northwest 1/4 of said sec-  
tion, thence southerly  
along the East line of the  
Northwest 1/4 of said sec-  
tion a distance of 1430' to  
the Centerline of said sec-  
tion; thence West along  
the Centerline of said sec-  
tion to the West line of the  
Northwest 1/4 of section  
26, Township 28 South,  
Range 23 East, thence  
North along the West line

Any objection to said applica-  
tion must be made in writing  
and filed with the Director, Divi-  
sion of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commis-  
sion, 2540 Shumard Oak Boule-  
vard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-  
0850, Within thirty (30) days from  
the date of this notice. At the  
same time, a copy of said  
objection should be mailed to  
the applicant whose address is  
set forth below. The objector  
must state the grounds for the  
objection with particularity.

The Colinas Group, Inc Receivers  
For the Lazy S Utility  
2031 E. Edgewood Drive-Suite 5  
Lakeland, Florida 33802-3601

Water Concern:

We need to write a letter to Tallahassee and send a  
copy of the letter to the Colinas Group with reason  
why we do not need a change for higher rate.

Thank you!

