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September 22, 2008

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Caroline M. Klancke, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

RE:

Docket Nos. 080121-WS and 080538-WU

Please file the letter from Frank Bruno, County Chair of the County Council of Volusia County, Florida, dated August 29, 2008, in both the correspondence side of Dkt. No. 080121 and the pleadings file of Dkt. No. 080538-WU. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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August 29, 2008

Chairman Matthew M. Carter II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Aqua Utilities, Florida, Inc. Application for Increase in Water and Wastewater ates

Dear Chairman Carter:

On behalf of the Volusia County Council, I am writing to oppose the proposed rate increase application of Aqua Utilities, Florida, Inc. for systems in Volusia County, specifically the Tomoka View/Tanglewood Forest and Twin Rivers subdivisions served by Aqua Utilities.

Aqua Utilities has requested the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve state-wide uniform water and wastewater revenue increases for its 82 systems within 16 counties in Florida. For Volusia County customers of Aqua Utilities, this is a rate increase of over 350%. In the present economy, a rate increase of this magnitude is unsupportable.

Further, Volusia County objects to the application by Aqua Utilities, Florida for extension of its service area to include the Tomoka View/Tanglewood Forest and Twin River systems. These communities are in unincorporated Volusia County and contiguous to the City of Ormond Beach. The residents and the City are discussing annexation and the City is willing and able to supply high quality, central municipal service to the residents at appropriate rates.

We ask that the PSC take no action that will impede the ability of the citizens to act in their best interests for future service and governance.

Sincerely,

Frank T. Bruno Jr.

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Chair

cc: Volusia County Council
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