

**Ashley Quick**

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:30 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Protesting rate increase # 150269-WS and all, future rate increases

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 150269-WS.

Thank you,

Joann Parsons

**From:** Lee Robida [<mailto:leerobida@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2016 4:19 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown; Office Of Commissioner Edgar; Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Brisé; Office of Commissioner Patronis  
**Subject:** Protesting rate increase # 150269-WS and all, future rate increases

Commissioners: Julie Brown, Lisa Polak Edgar, Art Graham, Ronald A. Brise, and Jimmy Patronis of Florida Public Service Commission

I am protesting the current rate increase # 150269-WS and all, future rate increases that Utilities Inc., has requested for the issues, I have written about below, to the Pasco Times newspaper.

No Rate Increase-  
We want UIF to sell to Pasco County-  
Let Pasco County do the interconnect, and give Summertree Better Water.

Lee Robida  
Resident of Summertree  
New Port Richey FL  
March 3,2016

The following is from a resident of Summertree and how things are here:

Tom Oakley, please, let me see you come out here and drink this stinking, cloudy, water. "Stifling to private investments", is BS. It seems like all UIF has done and continues to do is raise its rates. In November of 2015 Summertree just had a rate increase, and now there is a new rate increase at the Florida PSC asking to raise our rates again. "NO," Tom! UIF is stifling to the well being & health of the citizens of Summertree, the county of Pasco, as well as the rights of paying voters to have safe drinking water. We should not have to be concerned with our health or financial loss by being forced to continue to live with unacceptable water quality and having to buy caseloads of bottled water each week. We have to buy water filters to be able to use the water to wash our clothes and take showers. . UIF just went to the State of Florida to re-file it's corporation, and I can only take for granted that this is done so that all the other UIF rate payers in other parts of Florida will also continue to get higher water rates. "NO," Tom! The taxpayers and voters of Summertree are TWENTY PLUS YEARS TIRED of this terrible water and its secondary quality. UIF has done nothing to rectify this problem. We're tired of being forced to accept higher rates that we have to choice but to absorb while sustaining very poor UIF customer service . We're tired of watching

MILLIONS of GALLONS of water being FLUSHED every month, (See Florida DEP reports) into our wetlands and woods that could be saved and not used to keep the water, safe to drink. Seeing fire hydrants open every Friday, so water that has issues is flushed into our ponds and , as we look at the street gutter, you can see the rust stains running down the gutters. The voters and citizens of Summertree are then forced to pay for all of this wasted water as we watched incredulously as UIF applies for yet another rate increase.

Our water rates are as follows for 5,040 Gallons used in Jan 2016:

Resident Water Service \$11.19 then on top we pay \$0.00517 per gallon of water OR \$26.06 for the 5040 gallons. Now let's look at sewer: RWS \$ 12.57 then we pay for the same 5040 gallons of water for the sewer rate, were hit at \$10.68 per 1000 gallons. or \$53.83 DOUBLE the Fresh water. Tom, tell the press how all the sewer is just passes through a meter, and the County processes the sewer and NOT UIF.

Tom, Sen. Simpson and many other political leaders in the State of Florida and Pasco County are looking out for the welfare and well-being of the citizens of Summertree, Pasco County and the State of Florida, while private investors refuse to do the right thing.

To my fellow Floridians: please question the quality of the water you drink and the rates you pay. Take action and stand up for your rights to have clean and Safe drinking Water at reasonable prices.. Investigate the test results your water providers report. Bring your questions and concerns about quality and then rate increases to the FPSC.

Lee Robida  
Resident of Summertree

For more research, follow the links below

<http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/DocketDetail?docket=150269>

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/mainpage/default.htm> (look for reports on water usage)

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/> (SWFWMD is a state/local governmental regulatory agency that issues water use permits, among other responsibilities)