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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket No. 150269-WS

Dear Commissioners,

I am asking you and the Public Service Commission staff to continue scrutinize all the documentation that Utilities Inc. of Florida will be submitting in regard to Docket No. 150269 since the PSC and the OPC staff have raised many questions and concerns on UIF rate request data.

As a Summertree community resident, I would like to restate my concerns regarding the UIF's failure to provide primary water quality back in 2005 – 2006 for seven of eight quarters. Over the past 25 years, UIF continually provided minimal customer services, increased rates and failed to adequately address our secondary water attributes. In Docket No. 150269, Document No. 02721-16 dated May 4, 2016, the Public Service Commission Staff sent a fourth data request to UIF regarding Iron and Color exceeding DEP secondary standards. Finally, Marty Friedman responded stating that they have used sequestrants and flushing to address these issues since 2012. Now the testing results for 2015 show that these measures did not resolve the issues, yet UIF has the audacity to file for another rate increases.

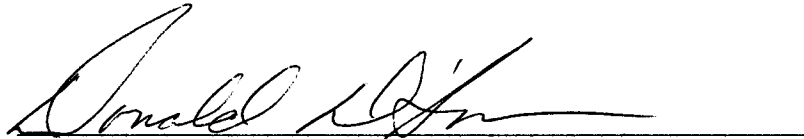
Even after the passage of the 2014 Florida Consumer Water Protection Act and a \$1M state grant in 2015 which greatly helped our community, Utilities Inc. of Florida filed for an indexing rate increase in October 2015 and a Limited Rate Proceeding on December 31, 2015, and on April 28, 2016 notified the Commission of their intent to file for a consolidated rate case with approximately \$30M in capital additions. The Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce has worked with Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco Board of County Commissioners and Flip Mellinger, Asst. County Administrator to interconnect with Pasco County Utilities; a bulk water agreement between Pasco County Utilities and Utilities, Inc. of Florida will finalize this process.

As a Summertree resident, I have had enough and do not trust Utilities, Inc. of Florida. UIF has NOT willingly worked to fix our secondary water attributes or negotiate in good faith as required by the Docket No. 120209-W: ORDER NO. PSC-14-0025-PAA -WS. Utilities Inc. of Florida's 25 years of minimal customer services and substandard secondary water product has impacted my quality of life and the value of our homes. UIF's unfair rate increase requests are bound to continue as this appears to be their corporate culture.

In conclusion, Utilities, Inc. of Florida is NOT entitled to a rate increase until they fix these unresolved issues.

Sincerely,

Signature:



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Donald D'Amore

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Summertree Resident Letter to Florida Public Service Commission
Utilities, Inc. of Florida – Docket No. 160101-WS
Consolidated Rate Case

June 3, 2016

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RE: Docket No. 160101-WS

Dear Commissioners,

I am contacting you regarding my concerns starting with Document No. 02589-16 dated April 28, 2016, when Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIF) notified the Commission of their intent to file for a consolidated rate case which will exceed \$30M in 39 capital plant additions representing approximately a 38% increase in rate base which established Docket No. 160101-WS. This letter of intent constitutes the third rate increase that UIF requested in an 8-month time frame, and was sent to the Commission only 16 days after our Summertree Customer Meeting on April 12, 2016. The Company also planned to request interim rates based on the historic test year. UIF is preparing its expected rate filing to consolidate 12 different companies consisting of 40 different water and wastewater systems, and serving approximately 60,000 water and wastewater customers statewide.

Summertree is about to become a pass through system with water and wastewater supplied by Pasco County Utilities through a bulk water agreement with UIF. We will be slammed with additional costs that will NEVER benefit Summertree residents.

Our Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce members and community are following Docket No. 160101-WS on the FPSC website to keep informed. Dealing with Utilities, Inc. of Florida is becoming a full time commitment.

In conclusion, I strongly support OPC's request for the Commission to set the case for full hearing from the onset. I believe that Utilities, Inc. of Florida is NOT entitled to a rate increase until they fix the unresolved issues from Docket No. 150269. Be assured that my community will be carefully following this rate case and will be keeping in touch with the Office of Public Counsel.

Sincerely,

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