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Florida Public Service Commission
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As a resident of Cypress Lakes, I have heard about the FPSC again increasing their services. The most recent increase you plan are targeted for wastewater costs.

In 2010, an expansion of our wastewater treatment system was necessary to accommodate approximately 120 additional homes in Cypress Lakes. Without notification to Property Management/Owners, Utilities Inc., made that upgrade to the tune of nearly \$1,000,000. The price tag for this was placed on all our residents by action of the Public Service Commission and we have paid the bill. There has been no budgetary request since 2010 for our wastewater treatment plant.

Now we are being faced with an additional 30% increase in rates through request by Utilities, Inc. This is to pay for four other communities sewer facilities. One of those systems is 50+years old and is under court order to upgrade. Paying for their capital expenditure disenfranchises our residents, places an unfair burden on them economically and ties the hands of Cypress Lakes Property Management to remain competitive in Polk County. Cypress Lakes community is the ONLY one in Polk County served by Utilities, Inc.

I request that the Public Service Commission deny the request for a rate increase and have it be assessed to those communities benefitting from the proposed \$26,000,000+ in capital expenditures.

Sincerely,

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