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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 2:06 PM
To: 'DPF'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Grenelefe 20250023-WS

Good Afternoon

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250023, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
850-413-6770

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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Grenelefe 20250023-WS

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I am a resident of Grenelefe Country Homes. Our community received notification that Grenelefe Utilities is requesting a rate increase.

The proposed increase for water to go from \$2.09 to \$14.74 per 1000 gallons, and sewer rates to increase from \$3.52 to \$44.53 per 1000 gallons, will create a terrible financial burden for the members of our community. News travels fast, our community will also become less desirable for prospective home buyers when considering they may have a utility bill of close to \$300 per month.

Scott House purchased Grenelefe Resort from Westgate Holdings and promised our community that he would invest 5 million to

upgrade the water treatment facility. In fact, this was a promise he gave to the members of the county commission when he petitioned to be allowed to sell land to housing developers that would increase the residential homes by an additional 200 plus. He also plans to sell the West golf course, which has not been in use for many years, to developers to add more housing, and many other areas around the resort could also see multi-story apartment buildings. All of these new homes will increase revenue. I don't think the burden should be placed on the current residents.

I respectfully ask the members of the board to please consider the residents of Grenelefe. The increase we have already received is sufficient. We are watching a place we love be gradually destroyed by a wealthy investor who has the financial means to cover the increase proposed by the cost study conducted. The developers who purchase the land from Scott House can also certainly cover additional costs necessary to upgrade or pay for additional staff to maintain the wastewater treatment plant. Of course, that cost will be passed on to the new residents.

Please vote to regulate a slow and gradual increase over many years that will be fair to both sides of this debate.

Thank you for your attention and time.

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