

February 25, 2026

Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32299-0850

Re: **Docket No. 20250052-WS** – Utility Proposed Final Water Rates

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding Docket Number 20250052-WS and the proposed final water rates submitted for **Sunshine Utilities, Inc.**

I recently received notice from **CSWR-Florida Utility Company** outlining the proposed final rates. To recap, at the time of filing, the residential (RS1) base rate was \$8.72, with a charge of \$2.03 per 1,000 gallons. The Commission approved an interim rate increase raising the base rate to \$15.57 (a 178.56% increase) and the per-thousand-gallon charge to \$3.62 (a 178.33% increase).

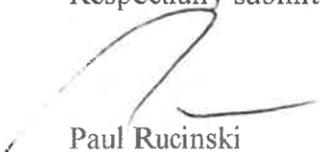
The current proposal seeks to increase the RS1 rate at the time of filing from \$8.72 to \$32.91, representing a 377.41% increase. The volumetric final charge is proposed at \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons. Using a hypothetical average monthly usage of 5,000 gallons, the proposed volumetric portion would total \$9.50 compared to \$10.15 under the rate at the time of filing, reflecting a 6.85% decrease in that component.

However, when combining the base rate with 5,000 gallons of usage, the total monthly bill at the time of filing would have been \$18.87. Under the proposed final rates, that total would increase to \$42.41 per month, representing a 224.75% increase. On an annualized basis, this reflects an increase from \$226.44 to \$508.92 per residential household.

While I understand the necessity of ensuring utilities are permitted a reasonable return on investment, the magnitude of these increases is difficult to justify on its face value. I trust that during its due diligence, the **Florida Public Service Commission** will carefully evaluate the justification for these rates and determine fair and reasonable charges for customers while balancing the utility's financial requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

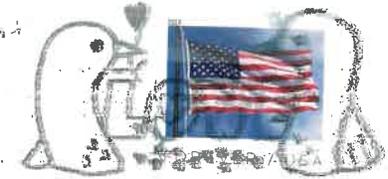
Respectfully submitted,

  
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