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Reference: Docket No. ~~960822-SU~~ <sup>960822-SU</sup>

Dear Sir:

I am responding as a current Alafaya Utilities customer concerning the company's service to my area of Oviedo. The Florida statutes cited in the notice concerning the proposed rate structure were well intentioned by our lawmakers as they are aimed at providing reuse water for irrigation rather than using precious drinking water. Further it provides financial relief for utility customers, as the reuse water is far less expensive. With those ends in mind, before Alafaya Utilities is provided any financial relief for proposed reuse systems, they should be required to equitably resolve the issue of reuse water for current customers.

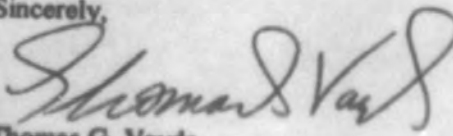
When I moved to Oviedo four years ago, I was really excited about the new bond issue the city had passed. The city was going to provide wastewater for irrigation from the Iron Bridge plant.

Alafaya Utilities blocked this great plan, as they blocked the city plan in court as they contend that they have been granted exclusive rights to supply my community with water. Yet, Alafaya Utilities is unable to, or does not want to supply wastewater to my community as they can supply more expensive drinking water. This position is not fair to me as a customer, or to the environment. Now Alafaya is going to supply reuse water to new communities (only because it is a requirement for further development). They may be doing the right thing for their shareholders, but not for me or for Florida.

I wrote your commission regarding this issue two years ago. To my knowledge, no action has been taken. Your commission is chartered to look after my well being—I feel that Alafaya should be required to take care of its present customers, or allow the city of Oviedo to go ahead with its plans. I request you consider the consumer's interest in this issue.

With regard to the proposed rates, I have no objection to Alafays's charges for reuse water assuming that the PSC feels they are fair and that my neighbors and I be allowed to get reuse water.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas G. Vayda

Cc: Mr. Martin S. Friedman  
Division of Consumer Affairs

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