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Re: Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C.
Notice of Application for Extension of Service Area
Dated, December 16, 1997

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of the notice referenced above. I have been a homeowner in the Woodlands Section of the Rainbow Springs Development in Marion County for the past five years.

I am concerned with the proposed plan to extend the service area on two fronts. First, I, and all of my current neighbors, have gone to considerable expense to install wells, water purification and septic systems. The vast majority of us live on fixed incomes that were set based on the expenditures we made to build our retirement homes. I am aware of no neighbors being dissatisfied with our current systems and see no need for these utilities being brought through our neighborhood. The unnecessary and unexpected financial burden associated with the proposed extension of the service area could jeopardize more than a few of my neighbors' ability to support their property.

Secondly, I am concerned with the perception that this proposal is being rushed through the political process. I find it ironic that notice of this proposal is made two weeks prior to the holidays, when a large portion of those, most negatively affected by it, are out of state visiting family and friends. I consider a thirty day response date under these circumstances to be woefully inconsiderate at best, and at worst, a concerted effort to exclude many who would not support it.

ACK _____ I respectfully request that the Florida Public Service Commission delay all official action on this proposal until such time as property owners within the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs have had a legitimate, reasonable amount of time to organize and present its views on this proposal to ensure a fair hearing on it.

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CAF _____

CMU _____

CTR _____ Respectfully Submitted,

EAG _____ *Fred G. Weisher*

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OPC _____ Sec 14; Twp 16; Rge 8; Plat Book R Page 041; Rainbow Springs 1st Replat; Blk 64; Lot 83

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