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Attn: Director of the Division of Records and Reporting

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Notice of Application for Extension  
of Service Area, dated Dec. 16, 1997

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We are convinced that the underlying motive of Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C. is to use our money to install unneeded and unwanted water and sewer systems in the Woodlands and other sections of Rainbow Springs, rather than the stated reason -- correction of an "oversight" -- in its notice of application.

According to the notice, "this extension application was necessitated as a result of a recent discovery that the service territory authorized for this utility by the Public Service Commission approximately 16 years ago failed to include the great majority of Rainbow Springs development."

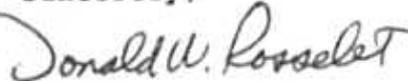
If indeed that be so, and we suspect the contrary, there obviously is no urgency -- and certainly no cause at this time -- to change the status quo.

When the utility, in its notice filed with the Public Service Commission, argues that its application is "simply to correct an oversight from many years ago in describing the utility service territory," and then goes on to declare that "through service to a greater number of customers" (emphasis ours) it "hopes to keep utility costs to a minimum in the long run," the utility, in fact, is conceding its ultimate aim is to expand its service at our expense, not its service area.

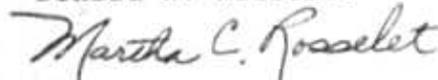
There is considerable opposition from our neighbors in the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs to any costly extension of utility service. Therefore, we urgently request the Florida Public Service Commission deny Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C.'s application for extension of service area.

Further, we request that before any action is taken on the utility's application the Florida Public Service Commission schedule a public hearing, preferably at a location convenient to us. In any event, we would ask to be notified of the dates and places of any action on this application that is contemplated by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,



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Martha C. Rosselet

cc: F. Marshall Deterding,  
Rose Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP