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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Attn: Director, Division of Records & Reporting

Re: Application for extension of water & sewer service in parts of Rainbow Springs.

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing to you to ask you to prevent an injustice from being done in Rainbow Springs. After over 16 years and with most of the lots in private hands, the developer wants to lesson the water and sewer expense for the folks he's currently selling to by saddling the rest of us with an extremely costly and very unnecessary expansion program.

We say extremely costly because our lots are all over an acre in size and thus the distance for lines to be laid is very great. Also the homes are set back from the road more than twice as far as homes on standard lots. Thus the cost of bringing the utilities from the road to our homes alone would be prohibitive for a great many effected residents.

We say very unnecessary because our soil (sand) is an excellent filtration medium and we are nowhere near the Rainbow River.

We bought an older house and moved to Rainbow Springs Woodlands area over 1 1/2 years ago as our retirement home. We came for the beauty and privacy of the area, but also specifically because of the excellent well water as well as the lower monthly expenses of a home in a long established neighborhood with no costly water and sewer either in place or planned.

There are many older folks who live here, have lost a spouse, and are most likely confused about the long legal letter we received just days before Christmas and in the middle of all the holiday preoccupations. If the developer is allowed to go ahead with this expansion we will have to try and sell our retirement homes. "Try", because with such an expensive project looming buyers will be hard to find.

Please don't let us down. Don't allow the developer to proceed with his plan that will devastate so many retired folks. (I'm sure he has no idea just how much his strategically timed holiday letter ruined our Christmas and will also continue to spoil our up to now happy lives in Rainbow Springs.)

Help!!

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