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Florida Public Service Commission
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Attn.: Director of the Division of
Records and Reporting

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(From Tax Receipt) **SEC 14 TWP 16 R10 18**

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

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RAINBOW SPRG 1ST REPLAT
BLK 67 LOT 60

Dear Sir:

I, among other home owners / property owners in the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, received the above referenced notice on December 22, 1997. I am writing to notify the PSC on behalf of one, who also represents the wishes of other property owners, object to the priority and timing of the notice as referenced above.

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The above reference notification mentioned that property owners have no later than 30 days which to file an objection to the noted extension. With the Christmas/ New Years seasons upon us and many people traveling, it gives our property owners little or no time to formally register an objection to this action or to lodge a formal complaint with the Florida Public Service Commission. There are many "HIDDEN" factors in which the backers of this so-called Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. organization is trying to rapidly sweep through the commission undetected in which need to be disclosed and reviewed.

The above Referenced Notice of Application also states, QUOTE: -THIS EXTENSION APPLICATION WAS NECESSITATED AS A RECENT DISCOVERY THAT THE SERVICE TERRITORY AUTHORIZED FOR THIS UTILITY BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPROXIMATELY 16 YEARS AGO FAILED TO INCLUDE A GREATER MAJORITY OF RAINBOW SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT. Our section of Rainbow Springs, which the reference notification applies to has been completely - SOLD - out (by another developer) for approximately 20 years. Our Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs is composed of lots which are 1 acre plus or more.

Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. was commenced because the developers, Chase Ventures, Inc., commenced development of the last section of Rainbow Springs, Country Club Estates. This section is comprised of 1/4 acre lots and the developers were denied building permits by Marion County because of the lack of a central system for water and sewage. This was due to the closeness of home site development in the Country Club Estates area. Enter Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. which is a very small system built to satisfy this one need. There is no way that their present facilities could handle the additional services if they were extended to our section. Plus the distance is a great factor.

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Now, with the winding down of home sites development in Rainbow Springs, The Developer, Chase Ventures, Inc. is apparently seeking ways to create additional revenue before exiting the location and is trying to make this so-called Utility L.C. identity, more attractive to "potential buyers". So he has chosen, NOW, to include us in his so-called master extension of service plan. There is a lot of deceit/greed in the statement Quoted above. All homeowners in our 1 acre plus or more home sites, have installed our own expensive systems and do not need the services of Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. Most of our home owners / property owners (90%) are retired and living on a fixed income. Most have established a home which represents a major investment and can ill afford to pay thousands of dollars more to satisfy the greed of others.

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We therefore request that the Florida Public Service Commission delay any formal action on this matter until the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs has had ample time to meet, obtain legal assistance and formalize a plan to combat this action. To be excluded or denied any delay in this action will cost the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, many thousands of dollars which will wind up in the pockets of the Chase Ventures, Inc. (recent developers). We also request that any action in this matter, by The Florida Public Service Commission, be brought to our attention as so we can respond in case there is a need. At the present time, any communications can be directed to my attention at the above address and I will make it available to all appropriate property owners.

Thank You For Your Attention In This Very Important Matter.

Sincerely,

Merrill E. Sleep



WE ARE DEAD SET AGAINST

WATER OR SEWERS. NEXT IT WILL BE
SIDEWALKS + STREET LIGHTS !! WE LIVE
IN THE "WOODLANDS" DEVELOPMENT AND
ARE COMPLETELY HAPPY WITH OUR PRESENT
SEPTIC AND WELL SYSTEMS.

KEEP THESE "DEVELOPERS" OFF OUR BACKS!