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Director of the Division of
Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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

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Dear Sir,

We, among other home owners/property owners in the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, received the above referenced notice on December 22, 1997. Please accept this as our written objection to the priority and timing of said notice and the intentions of the developer to extend their service area to the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs.

The above referenced notification mentioned that property owners have no later than 30 days in which to file an objection to the noted extension. With the Christmas/New Years seasons upon us, and many residence traveling, it gives many of 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. In reviewing this Extension Notice, speaking with other residence of our area and having dealt with Chase Ventures, Inc. on issues in the past, it is our conclusion there are many "HIDDEN" factors which those who support Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. organization are trying to rapidly sweep through the commission that should, in all fairness to the residents' of this area, be disclosed and reviewed.

The above referenced Notice of Application also states, "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 THE GREAT MAJORITY OF RAINBOW SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT". The Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, which the referenced notification applies to, was SOLD to another developer approximately 20 years ago. The most recent owner, Chase Ventures, Inc., is in the process of selling out also. It is our conclusion Chase is making every effort to create additional revenue before exiting the location by attempting to make the development "more attractive" to potential buyers; however, doing it at the residents' expense and against what we, the residents who live here want.

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Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. originated when Chase Ventures, Inc. began developing the last section of Rainbow Springs (Country Club Estates). This section is comprised of 1/4 acre lots, and due to the closeness of home sites the developers were denied building permits by Marion County because of the lack of a central system for water and sewage. The Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C., which is a very small system, was built to satisfy this one need.....the need to develop the Country

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Club Estates. There is absolutely no way the present facilities can handle the additional services if extended to the Woodlands section. And then there's the factor of location. The distance between our section and the facilities, compounded with its small size, would create additional headaches for the residents' of Rainbow Springs. It has been mentioned that Chase intends to build another service facility for our section alone. We've been told this too would be at the residents' expense. ALL homeowners in the Woodlands section are on 1+- acres and have installed their own expensive systems and do not need, or want, the services of Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. Most of our homeowners/property owners (90%) are retired and living on a fixed income. Most have established a home which represents a major investment and can not afford to pay thousands of dollars more to satisfy the greed of others.

Basically, we do not wish to have this application for extension approved; therefore, we 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 regarding this action. We feel an additional 30 to 60 day delay would be sufficient and fair. To be excluded or denied any delay in this action will cost the property owners of Rainbow Springs, Marion County many thousands of dollars. We also request that any action in this matter by the Florida Public Service Commission be reported to us so we can respond accordingly.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter. We look forward to receiving your response to this objection soon.

Respectfully,



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