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ATTN: DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

RE: RAINBOW SPRINGS UTILITIES L.C.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
OF SERVICE AREA, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1997

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As homeowners in the Woodlands section of the
Rainbow Springs development, west of U.S. Route #41,
we are writing to express our objections to the proposed
extension of the service area of Rainbow Springs
Utilities L.C.

ACK We, and scores of our neighbors, have invested
AFA thousands of dollars over the past 18 plus years to
APP install and maintain individual water wells and
CAF septic systems. We have done so with the full knowledge
CMU that neither a public water system nor sewers is
CTR available. We chose to reside in the rural Woodlands
EAG section of Rainbow Springs; had we insisted on a
LEG public water supply and sewers, we might have
LIN chosen a more urban setting.
OPC All homes in the Woodlands section are situated on
RCH properties of one acre or more, unlike the section of
SEC Rainbow Springs on the opposite side of U.S. Route 41
WAS where properties are as small as one-quarter acre -
OTH where Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C. currently is oper-
ational with water and sewer facilities.

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We are certain that Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C. would have to spend millions of dollars to expand its current facilities and extend them into the Woodlands section. Such an extension is simply unnecessary. There is no indication nor evidence of failing or malfunctioning water wells or septic systems. We are convinced that the underlying motive of Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C. is to use our money to install unnecessary 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.

When we purchased our land twenty years ago, nothing was said about ever having water or sewer installed!

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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