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Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Florida Cities Water proposed rate increase

Dear Director,

I am opposed to the rate increase that Florida Cities Water seeks to have its customers pay. If the utility is entitled to be reimbursed for their attorney fees under Federal Law or Rule, they need to seek that redress. The utility has been prosecuted for violation of Federal Law and found, apparently, to have violated something since they had to pay a civil penalty. Now the utility wants its customers to absorb its expenses incurred for violating the law. The owners of the utility need to pay this expense and not its customers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Pankow

cc: B. Kenneth Gatlin

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