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Dear Commissioners:

I am a landowner in Marion County, Florida. Recently I was informed that Florida Water Services Inc. (WS) has submitted an application to amend its Marion Oaks water and wastewater service area that includes my land.

I have not been contacted by representatives of F.W.S. nor have I requested service from the utility and yet they are attempting to certificate my land. Furthermore, the Marion Oaks system has much higher user rates than other utilities in the County.

My reasons for not wanting to be included in this proposed certification include:

We are presently developing 944 single family units on 460 acres and building a 200,000 G.P.D. wastewater treatment plant and a water treatment plant that we will turn over to Marion County.

We are also processing a D.R.I. on Route 200 for ± 2000 units and ± 600,000 s.f. of commercial on 900 acres and are negotiating with the City of Ocala.

We do not want our developments tied to the Marion Oaks system (i.e.) F.W.S.

ACK _____ For these reasons I object to the proposed certification amendment to increase the Marion Oaks water
AFA _____ and wastewater service area.

APP _____
CAF _____ Very Truly Yours,

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CTR _____ *Richard Siemens*
EAG _____ President

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