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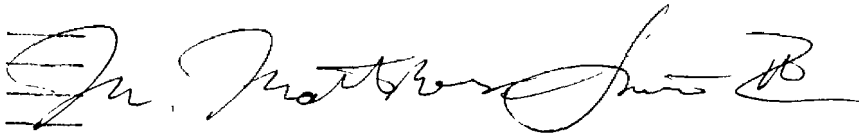
Dear Ms. Bayo,

I recently received a copy of the notice of application for an extension of wastewater service area by North Fort Myers Utilities (your Docket Number 011006-SU). I would like to express my strong objection to this extension of the service area for the following reasons.

1. Centralized wastewater treatment is typically uneconomical and inappropriate in a sparsely settled and rural area such as encompassed by the extension.
2. North Fort Myers Utilities has not provided any data that suggests that their services are needed or required by the residents of the area they wish to serve.
3. North Fort Myers Utilities has not provided any data that suggests that their services are wanted by the residents of the area they wish to serve.
4. The proposed extension would place an unfair financial burden on existing customers since the cost of servicing a very sparsely populated area would be much more expensive than the high density area that is now serviced.

I request that the application be summarily denied for the above reasons. I further request that no later applications be accepted unless they are accompanied by proof that a majority of the residents in the proposed extension request the services of North Fort Myers Utilities. Trusting your wisdom in this matter, I do not request a formal hearing at this time.

Sincerely,



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