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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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RE: MSM Utilities, LLC, Bonita Springs, FL Request to Add Territory in Charlotte County

We are writing to voice our objection to MSM Utilities' request to add territory in Charlotte County, Florida, specifically to amend its Water Certificate No. 611-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 527-S to add territory in Charlotte County.

Our property is located in a mobile home subdivision (Peace River Subdivision and Fish Camp), which is in close proximity to the water and wastewater treatment facility currently operated by MSM Utilities inside the River's Edge mobile home park. MSM currently charges residents of River's Edge mobile home park a monthly fee for their water and wastewater services. If MSM is having trouble making ends meet financially, then they should increase the amount of money they charge the residents of River's Edge mobile home park.

We are opposed to this for the following reasons:

- 1. We have wells and septic fields in our park. We do not need these services.
- 2. Construction of these expanded facilities would go right through our park and disrupt the peaceful atmosphere, tear up lawns, and tear up streets.
- 3. We do not have to pay any monthly fee for our wells and septic fields. This proposed project may ultimately cost us if laws change requiring mandatory hookup.
- 4. Two-thirds of the residents of Peace River Subdivision and Fish Camp are snowbirds who are only staying in the area for a few months each year. That is even more reason not to want these services.
- 5. Property in the "Existing Territory" (approximately 90 acres) was sold recently to a developer who wants to put expensive homes on these 90 acres. This developer would get higher prices for these lots if there were sewer lines

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- rather than septic fields. It is not our responsibility to underwrite a developer's plan to increase the value of his lots, nor subsidize the cost of his existing territory's water and waste treatment facilities.
- 6. We resent the way in which this notification was handled. Nowhere was it explained what possible impacts this change would make to the current residents. The notification merely states that "pursuant to Section 367.045, Florida Statutes . . . To amend its Water Certificate No. 611-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 527-S . . . as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof." This is legal wording, and the average resident would have no idea what was being asked of him or her. Since the overwhelming majority of residents of the Peace River Subdivision and Fish Camp are senior citizens with a background in farming, this seems to be an attempt to prey upon elderly, less-educated residents.
- 7. Since the purpose for this change, and its subsequent impact(s) on the residents is not explained, we believe this is an attempt to put something over on poor, unsuspecting elderly people--people who are only beginning to recover from the devastation from Hurricane Charley that happened on August 13, 2004.
- 8. We further resent that this is taking place when a large number of residents are not living down there and are only given 30 days to respond. (30 days from October 18. We received this notice in Michigan on October 22.) Even if a meeting were held to discuss this proposed changes and their impact on the residents, the majority of residents would not be in attendance.

Thank you for taking the time to read our objections to the MSM Utilities, LLC, request to expand their territory.

Sincerely, Reborah Deimme

Raymond and Deborah Reaume

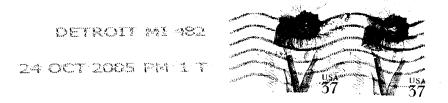
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