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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 9:02 AM
To: Katie Ely
Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole
Subject: email

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Docket 080248-SU

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From: Governor Charlie Crist [Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 8:46 AM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Public Sewrvice Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: juan.jimenez1@juno.com [mailto:juan.jimenez1@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 4:39 PM
To: Governor Charlie Crist
Subject: Public Sewrvice Commission

We are customers of the Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc. The Utility has applied for an increase in waste water rates (PSC Docket #080248-SU), and we need your support **to defeat the rate increase.**

Governor, the Utility has been granted an 11.7% interim rate increase by the PSC, and is requesting an additional 33% rate increase, for a total rate increase of 45%. According to the Notice mailed by the PSC to the residents of Tierra Verde, the Utility reported \$690,922 in revenues, with a **net operating income of \$39,871**. We assume those results were for the prior twelve months - the PSC Notice does not disclose the period involved.

These are difficult times, Governor. At a time when we are all having to watch our budgets, this utility company applies for a large rate increase, not because they are losing money, but because their income is insufficient! We are a small community, and we need your help with getting this rate increase defeated.

Thank you

Juan G & Eva Jimenez

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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 9:01 AM
To: 'juan.jimenez1@juno.com'
Subject: RE: Public Service Commission

Mr. Juan Jimenez
juan.jimenez1@juno.com

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Jimenez:

The Governor's office forwarded a copy of your correspondence regarding Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc. (Tierra Verde) to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities throughout Florida, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the PSC.

You expressed a concern about Tierra Verde's application for an increase in wastewater rates in Pinellas County. We appreciate your comments regarding the petition and will add your correspondence to Docket No. 080248-WS.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
Regulatory Specialist
Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Service, Safety, & Consumer Assistance
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1-800-511-0809 (fax)

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February 12, 2009

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 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Subject: Docket No. 080248-SU
 Proposed Tierra Verde Utilities Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern;

Our Board of Directors is in receipt of the subject and unanimously agree that the proposed rate increase is exorbitant. While it is understandable that every business seeks to maximize profit, one should consider: "At what price to its customers?"

Considering the economy these days, we must ask: "Is such a highly proposed increase necessary, especially when it can put people in a position where they may have to decide if they should pay their utility bill or pay their mortgage?; or their food?; or their prescriptions?; or educate their children?" We think not.

It is not as if people can turn to an alternate supplier like a phone carrier or internet service provider when one company literally has "the only game in town."

An already approved Interim Rate of 16.5% should be more than sufficient for any business to operate, not to mention the Utility Requested Final Rate in excess of 45% being completely out of the line of logic and common sense.

Consequently, we, as an organization in a community of more than 5,000 residents, strongly oppose any rate increase above that of the aforementioned already approved Interim Rate of 16.5%.

We trust the Commission's sense of propriety and their responsibility of looking out for the residents of Florida will take our comments into strong consideration when making their final decision on the subject Rate Increase proposal.

Very sincerely,

Frank Lauro
 Administrator

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CONSUMER

Notice of Interim Rate Increase

Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc.
PSC Docket No.: 080248-SU
Notice Issued On November 17, 2008

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On October 28, 2008, the Florida Public Service Commission approved interim wastewater rates for Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund, pending the Florida Public Service Commission's final decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based upon the Commission determined factors.

The rates prior to filing, the Utility's requested interim rates and the Commission approved interim rates are set forth below.

Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc.			
<u>Residential</u> <u>(Bi-Monthly)</u>	<u>Rates</u> <u>Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission</u> <u>Approved Interim</u> <u>Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes:	\$74.23	\$87.82	\$86.90
Gallonge Charge – Per 1,000 gallons	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$48.28	\$57.12	\$56.25
1"	\$120.71	\$142.81	\$140.64
1 1/2"	\$241.40	\$285.60	\$281.26
2"	\$386.24	\$456.96	\$450.01
3"	\$772.48	\$913.92	\$900.01
4"	\$1,207.00	\$1,428.00	\$1,406.28
6"	\$2,414.00	\$2,855.99	\$2,812.55
Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$2.37	\$2.80	\$2.76

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Written comments regarding the Utility's service or the requested final rate increases may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

All comments should refer to Docket No. 080248-SU which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case.

The interim rates will be effective November 22, 2008. If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at (800) 272-1919. Be sure to have your account number on hand for quick reference.

Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern:

In these poor economic times... it is outrageous that rate increases are considered.

All business and government agencies should be working together for the good of U.S.A.

Yours truly,

Paul and Phyllis Rideout