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Re: Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. transfer of water/wastewater facility
from Fountain Lakes Sewer Corp.

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Dear Director and Mr. Twomey,

Please consider this to be our strong, formal objection to the proposed purchase of the Fountain Lakes Sewer Corp. sewer wastewater facility by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Our home is in Marsh Landing, which abuts Fountain Lakes. The Sewer plant in question, is approximately 20 years old and in poor condition. We have heard of unpleasant odors and problems of leakage. Not only does this create an unhealthy atmosphere for those of us living in the area, but also one must consider the effect on the environment. The old Sewer Corp. is built on the edge of a wetland that flows into the Estero River and then flows on into Estero Bay. The South Florida Water Management District has already recognized Estero Bay as an impaired body of water containing excessive nutrients.

For Aqua Utilities or any other company to want to buy it, sink money into a poorly functioning facility, seems like poor business. Furthermore, the cost of "quick-fix" improvements would, no doubt, be passed along to us, the users, greatly increasing our bills. No one ever favors such an idea, and in this unstable financial time, we certainly do not need/want an increase in our rates!

There is a new facility, Bonita Springs Utilities, that has the capacity to handle the flows from Marsh Landing and Fountain Lakes. The sensible solution is to abandon the antiquated Fountain Lakes Sewer facility and use the Bonita Springs plant.

We feel strongly about this issue and trust that you will consider the points mentioned here, plus others as you ponder the sensibility of the proposed purchase of an old, outdated sewage plant. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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