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DATE: September 20, 2010
TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Mark Long, Chief Advisor to Commissioner Graham 
RE: Communication Received in Docket No. 090462-WS - Utilities Inc. Request for Rate Increase in Pasco County - Summertree Community

This office has received the attached letter from Chairman Pat Mulieri of Pasco County regarding the above-noted docket.

The correspondence has not been viewed or considered in any way by Commissioner Graham. Under the terms of the advisory opinion from the Commission on Ethics (issued July 24, 1991 as CEO 91-31-July 19, 1991), the following letter does not constitute an ex parte communication by virtue of the fact that it was not shown to the Commissioner. Because it is not deemed to be an ex parte communication, it does not require dissemination to parties pursuant to the provisions of section 350.042, Florida Statutes. However, in such cases Commissioner Graham has requested that a copy of the correspondence be placed in the record of the above-referenced docket.

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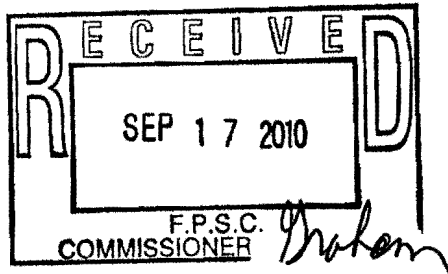


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Re: Utilities, Inc. – Summertree, Pasco County

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents who reside in the Summertree community in Pasco County. This is an over 55 community comprised mostly of seniors on fixed incomes many of whom have health problems and struggle to stay on top of the steadily rising costs of daily living. The water provider for Summertree is Utilities, Inc. I was contacted a couple of months ago by some of the residents in Summertree outlining several problems they have encountered with this utility.

The residents advised me that some time ago Utilities, Inc. was approved for a rate increase. The increase was conditioned upon the utility's commitment to upgrade the water filtering system in Summertree. Water quality has been a major issue in this community. To date the upgrade to the system has not happened even though the residents have incurred the rate increase. The residents are now facing the possibility of a further rate increase if approved by the PSC (additionally, they must also contend with increases in their monthly condo association maintenance fee to pay for water usage at their clubhouse). As if all this were not enough, Summertree is besieged with sinkholes that they are in the process of repairing; however, the residents must pay deductibles and other miscellaneous costs associated with the sinkhole dilemma and not covered under their homeowners insurance.

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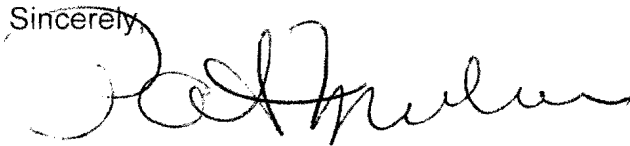
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The rate increases requested by Utilities, Inc. are burdensome and have created an undue hardship on the residents of Summertree. I respectfully request that your agency deny any further rate increases to Utilities, Inc. especially in light of the fact that they have defaulted on their obligation to repair the water filter system in this community. I understand from the residents that a meeting with the PSC and Utilities, Inc. was held last month and that the PSC has ordered Utilities, Inc. to test the wells. After the PSC has reviewed the results, it will be determined if a rate increase is warranted.

Again, I urge you to deny any further rate increase to Utilities, Inc. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Pat Mulieri, Ed.D., Chairman

District 2

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