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**DATE:** October 27, 2010  
**TO:** Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Mark Long, Chief Advisor to Chairman Graham   
**RE:** Communication Received in Docket No. 100149 - Application for Increase in Water Rates in Lee County by Ni Florida, LLC.

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This office has received the attached letter from Mr. David and Patricia Baker regarding the above-noted docket.

The correspondence has not been viewed or considered in any way by Chairman 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 Chairman. 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 Chairman Graham has requested that a copy of the correspondence be placed in the record of the above-referenced docket.

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Dear Commission Members:

I recently attended a customer meeting of customers of Ni Florida and the PSC at Tamiami Village where I reside in North Fort Myers, Fl intended to explain Ni Florida's request for an 85% rate increase.

Their request is based on excessive operating maintenance costs of \$167,621. They have two employees who reside in Tamiami Village and are part time in employment status. Expenditure of this amount is very questionable and cannot be locally substantiated or verified.

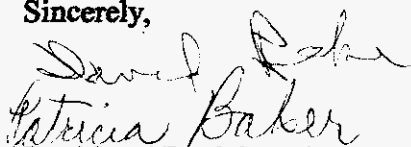
This community is made up of over 55 age people of moderate means and it would be a hardship for many of them to be asked to contribute to this excessive rate increase.

The surrounding communities have been asked for water rate increases of less than 10% and I am sure their expenses are no less than NiFlorida..

Your fellow commissioners have a mission to be responsive to the community and obviously this would place an egregious burden on them especially in light of no additional increase in the social security or federal pensions.

I am a person retired from the IRS, a volunteer tax preparer and a poll worker and I take my community responsibilities seriously and believe that a rate increase request of this size especially founded on questionable expenses is inappropriate and punishing to those affected.

Sincerely,

  
David and Patricia Baker  
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