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DATE: October 7, 2011
TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Stephen B. Fletcher, Public Utilities Supervisor, Division of Economic Regulation
RE: Docket No. 110238-WU, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Sunrise Utilities, LLC.

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Attached is a document for inclusion in the docket file for the above referenced docket. document is an e-mail from Mr. Leslie Szabo to Mr. Bart Fletcher.

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From: LESLIE MAIL [l.szabo@rogers.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Bart Fletcher
Cc: l.szabo@rogers.com
Subject: Sunrise Utilities
Attachments: Sunris plea for survival to Flcr.doc

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

**I have very much enjoyed talking to you,
and please give some consideration to the letter enclosed.**

Kindest regards,

Leslie Szabo

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October 6, 2011

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

I hope I will not sound repetitious after our October 5-th telephone conversation, but I feel the necessity to put the facts on paper and to be on record.

America become the strongest nation and leader to the world within their 200 plus years history by promoting entrepreneurship, - versus all the other countries where dictatorship or King rules and many other form of laws exist, or even today are practiced.

After I have purchased Sunrise Utilities and not being experienced at this field realized, the initial capital invested was not enough to make the business function, and it became an absolute must to inject more money with loans.

Until today I was not aware to being under capitalized and pay back loans, - after the assets of the company was pledged as collateral – is an offense and acknowledged as access revenue by your rules.

This is an aging system and just to operate, or to be ready for any upcoming emergencies, or simply to comply with the Health Department regulations there is no reserve.

I hope you will give the time to examine Mike Smallridge input regarding the list of repairs or improvements badly need it.

When last year there was not sufficient service due to the broken pumps, all I heard repeatedly every day from the Health Department when it will be fixed ? I have asked them for financial help as we had no reserve, their answer was fix it, or Sunrise will face penalties.

I have prostituted myself borrowing the money from Mr. Kaplan knowingly Sunrise can not pay it back with in 3 months as it was loaned at those terms. That \$14,100 expense deprived Sunrise to maintain a healthy operation and even the customers deposit account had to be depleted just to pay back the loan.

I been told it is not an allowed as an expense, but to Sunrise the facts, - are facts.

In today world there are no more smaller business, just major capitalist in every field, from clothing to the food chains and when they are in control, THEY dictate the price.

I can see the trend to continue in the water business also. If not protecting the smaller operators for the benefit of a reasonable rate to their customers, will allow the major players at that field to take over, the end result will be a much higher rate for Sunrise customers than we are asking for.

In an other scenario looking through your web site, I have noticed when business failed the County interject or hire an individual experienced at this field and this person becomes the new owner after the bank loans or any other added expense are paid back.

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Is a business has to fail first before become eligible for assistance from The Public Service Commission ?

I am in no position to re write the book of rules of the Public Service Commission manual when it comes to decision to help Sunrise to continue to stay in business or not.

I do not have a crystal ball to see the future under which categories Sunrise will be forced into, and I hope with understanding the true picture and good will from your part, - it will not.

I made a commitment to the customers of Sunrise to supply them with an uninterrupted quality service when I purchased the business, and to the lender to pay back the borrowed money.

I am trying to take all the preventive measures by asking for a rate increase to have some financial stability for Sunrise to operate the business.

It is my obligation to relay all the information to your office to understand the real picture, and also to be on record for future references.

Yours truly,

Leslie Szabo