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May 20, 2016

Chairperson Julie Brown
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 150269: Utilities Inc. of Florida's Application for a Limited Proceeding Water Rate Increase in Marion, Pasco and Seminole Counties

Dear Chairperson Brown:

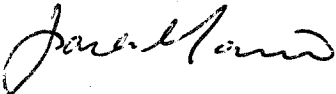
In a letter dated May 3, 2016, I requested that the rate increases sought by Utilities Inc. of Florida in this "limited" proceeding be denied for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the facts that (1) Corix, which has owned the Summertree System for 3 years has only increased Summertree's rates without fixing Summertree's water quality and customer service problems; and (2) at the time of my prior letter, Corix already had notified the Commission that it was reorganizing its utility systems in Florida and would be filing a statewide request for rate increases. Corix has now filed that request and, once again, Summertree customers, who already pay among the highest rates in the entire region, are in peril of paying even higher rates.

I repeat my request that the Commission deny Corix any rate increase in this proceeding and further request that this proceeding be dismissed so that my constituents do not have to fight two concurrent battles to defeat not only the rate increases proposed in this proceeding but also the increases in the other proceeding Corix just filed.

Please advise me whether the Commission will consider dismissing this request to increase rates, as I am aware that a rate increase of this type on a "limited proceeding" basis is at the discretion of the Commission to even consider.

Your consideration of my requests and the favor of a prompt reply would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Mariano
Commissioner
District 5

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