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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 11:11 AM  
**To:** 'Lee Robida'  
**Cc:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** RE: Utilities Inc., Rate increase # 150269

On behalf of Chairman Brown, we have received your email dated September 14, 2016. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 150269-WS, *In re: Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida*. Thank you for providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lee Robida [<mailto:leerobida@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 5:34 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brisé; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office Of Commissioner Edgar; Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Patronis  
**Subject:** Utilities Inc., Rate increase # 150269

Commission's:

(Please accept my letter of protest below, with the following news article from [saintpetersblog.com](http://saintpetersblog.com), as my view on the latest tactic of yet another rate increase from Utilities Inc. )

Docket 150269 WS

Thank you, Florida Public Service Commoners' for delaying and asking more questions.

This is not how customers and senior ratepayers deserve to be treated by Utilities Inc. We, and all of Utilities Inc., communities and customers, deserve better respect and rates from Utilities Inc., and should not be treated like their bread and butter, or that we are here to fatten their ledgers at either office in Illinois or their holding company, Corix of Canada.

This bad water issue has been ongoing for well over 20 years and this community of Summertree has been battling Utilities Inc., since November 2013 for this latest round of rate increase. It has always been the customers/ratepayers who have had to fight this monopolistic corporation greed and its only when the consumers/ratepayers stood up to Utilities Inc., continue practice of providing the same old bad service, that we were heard and maybe, by some luck, they Utilities Inc. might do something.

*Don't just look at the current rate increase and judge Utilities Inc., solely on this, but go back to day one of their involvement in Summertree and look at the 20+ years of the lack of concern and working to fix the problems from day one.*

By now it should be CRYSTAL CLEAR, that Utilities Inc., only has one goal and objective on their agenda, and that is to make more and more money at any cost to the ratepayers and off the backs of retired senior residents, and to continue on with their very bad water quality, without any decent regard to the communities that they claim that they are serving.

Floridians deserve better than a foreign investment company, selling dirty, stinking water, at prices that amount to terrorism.

*Enough is Enough, Revoke their licenses to do business in the entire State of Florida.*

Sincerely

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attached link:

<http://saintpetersblog.com/public-service-commission-balks-water-rate-hike-pasco-county/>