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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Utilities of Florida, Inc.
Attachments: PSC, re Summertree, 10.10.16.pdf

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 150269-WS.

Thank you.
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Subject: Utilities of Florida, Inc.

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Please refer to the attached letter from Commissioner Jack Mariano with regard to Docket No. 150269-WS. Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida – Revised Recommendation at the PSC Public Hearing scheduled for tomorrow, October 11, 2016.

Thank you for your attention.

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October 6, 2016

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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Honorable Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

On behalf of Pasco County and residents of Summertree, I would like to share some insight on the case currently before you. For nearly twenty (20) years, the residents of this community feel they have been dealing with a company that never once operated with their best interests in mind. The facts are compelling – they have continually pumped and distributed some of the worst quality water from their wells to profitably sell it on the backs of these residents. In my opinion, they should have their licenses revoked. Utilities, Inc. now stands before you seeking approval of an interconnect with Pasco County and possibly a rate increase.

The residents themselves have spent over \$16,000 of their own money to push this initiative forward, while Utilities, Inc. of Florida attempts to find new ways to nickel and dime these folks to death. Should this not be a consideration of the PSC when determining which course of action is proper? Furthermore, Utilities, Inc. of Florida, through its spokesman, Mr. Patrick Flynn, attempts to mislead the PSC by not presenting all of the facts. One such example was during the last hearing on September 13, 2016, when Mr. Flynn stated that Pasco County had not completed the design for the interconnect and thus giving the impression that this project is not ready to move ahead. In fact, the week prior, on September 7, 2016, to be precise, Mr. Flynn indicated in an email that he had no further comments on the design. At that point, the design was deemed complete, and Pasco County was ready to move forward with construction within the coming weeks.

It is unfortunate that this private Utility has failed these residents. I, personally, intend to do everything in my power to see to it that this Utility is brought into public ownership; however, until that time, I ask that you strongly consider the testimony of the residents and the professionals from Pasco County, here present, on October 11, 2016, as you decide how to best handle this case.

Sincerely,

Jack Mariano
Commissioner
District 5

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