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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Letter regarding November 1, 2016 PSC Conference Agenda, Docket No. 160101
Attachments: LTR - PSC LTR- Com. Julie Brown - Ann Marie, 10-14-16.docx; UIF Interim Rate Notice page 1.pdf; UIF Interim Rate Notice page 2.pdf; Memo - SWAT to STR Resident - Intertim Rate Increase, FINAL, 10-14-2016.xlsx

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160101-WS.

Thank you.

From: Ann Marie Ryan [<mailto:amr328@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 11:24 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
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Subject: Letter regarding November 1, 2016 PSC Conference Agenda, Docket No. 160101

Madame Chair,

Attached is a letter and 3 additional documents for Docket No. 160101 regarding additional information relevant to this rate case.

FYI: *UIF mailed the Interim rate notice on November 4, 2016 and they were delivered on November 7, 2016. We were given notice that the Interim go into effect on November 9, 2016.*

We were under the impression that UIF needed to notify the community and give them a 10 day notice. Our interim rates went into effect 48 hours after receipt of the notice. Additionally, the notice was not clearly written has caused significant confusion and concern. I have attached the UIF notice.

Thank you on behalf of the Summertree community.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Ryan, Leader

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Julie Imanuel Brown, Chair
Public Service Commission
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Chairwoman Julie Brown,

I would like to thank you and the Commissioners for the opportunity for the members of the Summertree Task-force to speak at Tuesday's, November 1, 2016 PSC Commission Conference Agenda.

I would like to clarify three points that I made in my presentation. First issue, **NOTICE**. You asked me how we knew about the November 1, 2016 agenda conference, I stated that we were aware of Docket No. 160101 because it was mentioned during the Limited Proceeding Rate Case Docket No. 150269. I inadvertently forgot to mention that all our task-force speakers and 48 additional residents of Summertree are also registered with the PSC as "**Persons of Interest**" in **Docket No. 150269 and 160101**. Therefore, we have been getting documents and agenda notices from PSC staff through emails and mailings on these dockets. I hope this clarifies my response a little further.

Second issue, **UIF Final Requested Rates**. I would like to make a rebuttal regarding a statement that John Hoy made about my presentation. My statements regarding the staff recommendation for an interim rate of \$82.61 and UIF - final requested rate of \$94.93 were taken from the Public Service Commission Memorandum, Document No. 08392-16 filed OCT 20, 2016 which were attached to my handout (pages 60 and 61). John stated that the customer reference to the UIF Final rate \$94.93 was incorrect and stated that the final rates would be lower due to the consolidated rate case. However, for this hearing these stated rates were the **ONLY RATES** provided in the documentation as the criteria for determining the recommended interim rates. ***I believe that Mr. Hoy's statement was NOT applicable to the decisions being made for this hearing!***

Third issue, **REFUNDS**. It is my understanding that only the systems that show ROE over earnings will get a refund. If interim rates end up higher than final rates, I believe that no refund will be given to these customers. This is why we believe that interim rates are strategically beneficial to the utilities and should not be regarded as benign concerns for the customers as indicated by Mr. Friedman's statement, "No harm, No foul".

We were shocked with Mr. Friedman's sharp comments about the Commissioner allowing customer comments on this agenda item. Stating that the Interim Rates are a down and dirty process and need not be subject to customer comments, I believe he called it "noise". Commissioner Brown, we greatly appreciated your remarks stating that the Commission has

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discretionary option to give customers the opportunity to address the board due to the magnitude of the rate case. Thank you. We realize that the Commissioners' time and all agenda participants' time is valued. Although we do not always agree with the outcomes, we respect the Commission and your staff, and hope we have demonstrated that in our presentations.

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As representatives of the Summertree community, we strive to understand the documents and policies, and their impact on our rates. It seems that outdated statutes and policies which drive many of the rate case outcomes need to be reformed and modified through legislation. We are initiating a letter writing campaign to bring these issues to the attention of the governor, the Commission and the state legislators. We want and need REFORM of the Water/Wastewater Utility statutes.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie ^(AR)

Ann Marie Ryan, Leader
Summertree Water Alliance

cc: The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor of Florida
Braulio Baez, Executive Director
Commissioner Ronald Brise
Commissioner Lisa Edgar
Commissioner Art Graham
Commissioner Jimmy Patronis
State Senator Wilton Simpson, 18th District
Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, House Representative, 37th District
Erik Saylor, Office of Public Counsel
Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano
Summertree Water Alliance Task-force & Associate Members

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 TO THE PASCO COUNTY – ORANGEWOOD AND SUMMERTREE CUSTOMERS OF
 UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA
 AND
 ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO.: 160101-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN CHARLOTTE, HIGHLANDS, LAKE, LEE, MARION,
 ORANGE, PASCO, PINELLAS, POLK, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES BY UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA

DATED: November 4, 2016

NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE

On November 1, 2016, the Florida Public Service Commission approved interim water and wastewater rates for Utilities, Inc. of Florida customers in its Orangewood and Summertree systems in Pasco County. The interim rates will be effective November 9, 2016. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund, pending the Florida Public Service Commission's final decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based upon Commission determined factors.

The current rates, the Utility's requested interim rates, the Utility's requested final rates and the Commission approved interim rates are set forth below. The final rates are subject to change based on information presented at the customer and technical hearings, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

WATER SERVICE

	Current Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Staff Recommended Interim
<u>Residential and General Service - Orangewood</u>				
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size				
5/8"X 3/4"	\$11.81	\$12.56	\$16.21	\$12.56
3/4"	\$17.72	\$18.84	\$24.32	\$18.84
1"	\$29.53	\$31.40	\$40.52	\$31.40
1-1/2"	\$59.03	\$62.77	\$81.00	\$62.80
2"	\$94.45	\$100.43	\$129.60	\$100.48
3"	\$188.90	\$200.86	\$259.21	\$200.96
4"	\$295.17	\$313.85	\$405.03	\$314.00
6"	\$590.33	\$627.70	\$810.50	\$628.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General Service	\$5.45	\$5.79	\$7.48	\$5.80
<u>Residential and General Service - Summertree</u>				
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size				
5/8"X 3/4"	\$11.19	\$11.90	\$15.35	\$11.90
3/4"	\$16.78	\$17.84	\$23.03	\$17.85
1"	\$27.96	\$29.73	\$38.37	\$29.75
1-1/2"	\$55.91	\$59.45	\$76.72	\$59.50
2"	\$89.45	\$95.11	\$122.74	\$95.20
3"	\$178.91	\$190.24	\$245.50	\$190.40
4"	\$279.55	\$297.25	\$383.60	\$297.50
6"	\$549.02	\$583.77	\$753.37	\$595.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General Service	\$5.17	\$5.50	\$7.09	\$5.50

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WASTEWATER SERVICE

	Test Year Rates 12/31/15	Current Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Staff Recommended Interim
<u>Residential - Orangewood</u>					
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$9.68	\$9.72	\$11.71	\$12.65	\$11.76
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 6,000 gallon cap	\$7.14	\$7.21	\$8.68	\$9.38	\$8.67
Flat Rate	\$24.21	\$24.32	\$29.28	\$31.64	\$29.41
<u>Residential - Summertree</u>					
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$12.57	\$12.63	\$15.20	\$16.43	\$15.27
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 6,000 gallon cap	\$10.68	\$10.73	\$12.92	\$13.96	\$12.98
<u>General Service - Summertree</u>					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size					
5/8"X 3/4"	\$12.57	\$12.63	\$15.20	\$16.43	\$15.27
3/4"	\$18.84	\$18.92	\$22.79	\$24.62	\$22.91
1"	\$31.40	\$31.54	\$37.98	\$41.04	\$38.18
1-1/2"	\$62.80	\$63.08	\$75.96	\$82.07	\$76.35
2"	\$100.47	\$100.92	\$121.52	\$131.31	\$122.16
3"	\$200.93	\$201.83	\$243.02	\$262.60	\$244.32
4"	\$313.97	\$315.38	\$379.75	\$410.34	\$381.75
6"	\$627.94	\$630.77	\$759.49	\$820.69	\$763.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$14.16	\$14.22	\$17.13	\$18.50	\$17.20

FROM: Ann Marie Ryan, Leader
Summertree Water Alliance

CONTACT: summertree.water.alliance@gmail.com

DATE: November 9, 2016

RE: No. 160101 - UIF Consolidated Rate Case

SUBJECT: Nov 01, 2016 - PSC Approved - UIF's Interim Rate Increase Request**

27.68% Increase = New Monthly Bill:

	<u>Water</u>		<u>Wastewater</u>		
Residential Rates: Water - \$5.50: Wastewater - \$12.98					
New Summertree Base Rate	11.90		15.27		
Charge per 1,000 gallons	5.50		12.98		
Cost for 1,000 gallons Water & WasteWater	<u>17.40</u>	+	<u>28.25</u>	=	\$ 45.65
New Summertree Base Rate	11.90		15.27		
Charge per 1,000 gallons x 2)	11.00		25.96		
Cost for 2,000 gallons Water & WasteWater	<u>22.90</u>	+	<u>41.23</u>	=	\$ 64.13
New Summertree Base Rate	11.90		15.27		
Charge per 1,000 gallons x 3)	16.50		38.94		
Cost for 3,000 gallons Water & WasteWater	<u>28.40</u>	+	<u>54.21</u>	=	\$ 82.61

**Docket No.160101-The current rate requests have nothing to do with Summertree Limited Rate Case, Docket No. 150269, which enabled us to get interconnected with Pasco County Utilities for our drinking water. State statutes allow UTILITIES to request INTERIM rate increases. It's time for Summertree & all UIF customers to PROTEST!

Docket No. 160101 - UIF Consolidated Rate Case:

- 1) This rate case is about UIF requesting the PSC to set rates for all UIF's Florida statewide systems to create a FLAT RATE for water rates and wastewater rates for all their statewide systems.
- 2) You will find a PSC letter and one to Governor to protest our rates and ask the legislators to reform these outdated statutes which allows Utility monopolies to continue receiving a 10% Return of Equity without improving their goods or services.
Please PRINT & SIGN these letters and return ASAP to SRF Office. (Additional Letters at SRF office.)
- 3) These rate increase were sent to UIF's statewide systems impacting 12 counties, 44 systems and 66,000 customers. NOTE: Marion County was hit with an outrageous 117% increase.
- 4) **SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2017** - **Public Service Commission Summertree Hearing**
in SRF Auditorium starting at 9:30 AM
Details will be in the December SRF Newsletter
QUESTIONS: call Ann Marie (727)-267-7162