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## **Collin Roehner**

From:Ellen PlendlSent:Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:04 PMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:Docket 160101-WSAttachments:Case Notice - No Follow Up ; lawrence-boisvert-response.pdf

See attached correspondence and PSC reply to add to the correspondence side of Docket 160101-WS.

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# **Public Service Commission**

December 16, 2016

Mr. Lawrence Boisvert 11236 Merganser Way New Port Richey, FL 34654

RE: FPSC Inquiry 1231013C

Dear Mr. Boisvert:

The Governor's Office of Citizen Services forwarded your correspondence to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) about Utilities, Inc. of Florida's (UIF) rate petition. We appreciate your correspondence, and it has been included in both open UIF Docket files (150269-WS and 160101-WS) for consideration.

FPSC customer service hearings will be held in January and February 2017 throughout UIF's service area for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about UIF's rate request and service. In addition to all correspondence provided to the FPSC, customer comments made during those hearings will be reviewed and considered when FPSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on UIF's proposed rates.

The FPSC's evidentiary hearing on UIF's rate case will be held in Tallahassee, tentatively slated for May 2017. Witnesses from UIF, FPSC staff, and the Office of Public Counsel, who represents customers, will present testimony and exhibits and be cross-examined by the Commissioners and other parties. The Commission will carefully consider all evidence before making a decision.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call 1-800-342-3552. If you would like updated case information, please visit the FPSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160101-WS.

Sincerely,

Randy Roland Regulatory Program Administrator Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

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From:	CRM.CitizenServices <crm.citizenservices@eog.myflorida.com></crm.citizenservices@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent:	Thursday, December 15, 2016 3:22 PM
То:	Ellen Plendl
Subject:	Case Notice - No Follow Up
Attachments:	Case Notice - No Follow Up (58).docx; 624069,boisvert.pdf

Please find attached an assignment from Governor Rick Scott's Office of Citizen Services. If you have questions about the assignment, please email <u>CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com</u>. Sincerely,

Kristie Jemmott Office of Citizen Services Executive Office of the Governor

## Case Notification – No Follow Up Requested

You have an assignment from the Executive Office of the Governor. Please have staff review and respond as appropriate.

It is not necessary to send follow up information to the Office of Citizen Services unless it is deemed appropriate by agency staff.

To send information on this case, please respond to this email or send an email to <u>CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com</u>.

If a unit or agency is incorrectly assigned a case, please respond to this email and note which agency should receive the assignment.

Sincerely,

Office of Citizen Services Executive Office of the Governor

## Letter :: Citizen Services :: 12/15/2016 3:54 PM

Case Number: 624,069

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EOG Source	Citizen Services
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#### Case Attribute(s)

Attribute	Category
Utilities	Corr Subject - Industry / Regulated Industry

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Case Assignment

Assigned To:	Due Date:	12/30/2016 2:54 PM

Letter to Governor Scott

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November 2016

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

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RE: Docket No. 150269 ~ Utilities, Inc. of Florida, Limited Rate Proceeding Docket No. 160101 – Utilities, Inc. of Florida, Consolidated Rate Case

Dear Governor Scott,

I am a Summertree resident asking you to let the Florida Public Service Commission, Senate and House of Representatives know that you support our efforts to have our State Legislators review, modify and reform outdated statutes related to Water/Wastewater Utilities.

The Pasco/UIF Summertree Bulk Water Agreement was signed on August 9, 2016. Our Task-force needed to take two trips to Tallahassee for two PSC Conference Agendas (September 13 and October 11) to address the Commission regarding UIF's rate demands in paragraph G, Page 10 of the Bulk Water Agreement (Docket No. 150269). UIF stated they would not purchase water services from Pasco until the PSC set rates that they requested, basically holding our interconnect process hostage.

Just 30 days later, under Docket No. 160101, Summertree was facing yet another rate increase. When Pasco Utilities confirmed that there were no planned increases in bulk wastewater rates, our Task-force returned to Tallahassee for the PSC Conference Agenda on November 1, 2016. The PSC Commissioners approved UIF's requested <u>Interim Rate increases</u> for a total of 27.68% which means that Summertree residents will pay **\$95.27/3,000 gallons/month**. The Florida statutes allow UTILITIES to reap a 10% Return on Equity regard less of their product or service quality. Once the interconnect is completed, Summertree will be a pass-through for water and wastewater; basically, UIF will be our landlord.

I am outraged that outdated statutes allow UTILITIES to function under state guarantees due to a 10% Return on Equity resulting in unearned profits. This oversight has evolved into a serious problem for your Florida residents across the state. UIF is NOW consolidating 10 counties, 44 systems and 66,000 consumers. I believe that Summertree's problems are just the tip of the iceberg. UIF should be held account able to provide the product and services required. UIF should not be subsidized by their customers and pay ever increasing rates for water/wastewater services they do not receive!

Governor scott, prease neprend the injustices and the state of Florida statutes regulating Water/Wastewater Utilities. Without legislative in the Utilities, Inc. of Florida will continue to take advantage of outdated statutes which have created welfare system which will financially cripple me and the other 65,999 residents state-wide under

Sincerely,

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