

RE: Docket No: 160101-WS

Summertree Customer

Application for increase in water/wastewater in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Seminole Counties by

### Utilities, Inc. of Florida

DOCKET NO. 160101-WS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



*Beverly J. Miller  
11618 English Elm Drive  
New Port Richey, FL 34654*

To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this form and return to Summertree Recreation Office, return it by mail or Fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Commission Clerk  
2450 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Please PRINT your UIF concerns (ex. water quality, rates, service, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

*We ~~had~~<sup>at</sup> summertree want Florida state  
legislation water/wastewater policy & Rate reform.  
also, urgent need for water/wastewater  
Utility Rate statute & policy & Rate reform.  
We want UIF To just do the right thing!  
Summertree, a 55+ Community stands united  
to fight utilities ~~inc's~~ water/wastewater  
Continual rate increases & poor customer service!*



# All Summertree Residents Needed!

## Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce



### JANUARY 10, 2017 – PSC Customer Meeting Information

**Taskforce:** Ann Marie Ryan, Terry & Wilbur Copenhafer, Lorraine Mack, Joe Mitchell, Rich Neilson, Lee Robida, Ed Youngs;  
**Associate Members:** Maria Cristiano (PW), Chuck Hoehn (GR), George Metz (Villas), Lauren Smith (FA), Fred Stall (ARB), Violet Weeks (SRF), Bill White (GR)

- FACTS:** Contrary to Utilities Inc.'s (UIF) December letter, they were not instrumental or responsible for the success of this project. It was the Task force who made this happen; we circumvented UIF's original plan to charge Summertree \$2.5 million for the same project at an additional cost of \$28/month over the next 22 years through negotiations and alternative funding.

***Let me be perfectly clear, this project was negotiated by our Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce*** through Erik Saylor, Office of Public Counsel with Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano and Flip Mellinger, Pasco County Asst. Administrator, Utilities Inc. contributed over \$225,000 toward the engineering and construction of this project. Florida State Senator Wilton Simpson wrote the bill and with Florida State Speaker of the House, Richard Corcoran together helped pass the Consumer Clean Water Act in 2014 and secured a \$1 M state DEP grant in 2015 allowing Summertree alternative funding saving us \$2.3 million on the same project proposed by Utilities, Inc. in January 2014. Our final cost will be an additional \$2/1,000 gallons/month - \$5/3,000 gallons/month depending on our water consumption. We saved \$2.3 million dollars on this project.

- December 21, 2016** The Summertree/Pasco water connection was completed and turned on by UIF.
- December 22, 2016** There was a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the County to memorialize the project.
- Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2017:** *Summertree residents have the opportunity to protest Utility Inc.'s requested \$30.1 Million Consolidated Rate Increase to the PSC Commissioners in person.*
- WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE TASKFORCE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT! YOUR PRESENCE AT THE HEARING IS CRITICAL TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS TO KEEP RATES IN CHECK! You make the difference!  
**GOAL: 500+ residents attend PSC Meeting...Let's Do This...STOP UIF!**

### Public Service Commission Customer Hearing

**Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2017 – SRF Auditorium (9:00-1:00)**

We need all residents, united, wearing red, attending the PSC meeting to make an impact!

- 9:30 AM PWCA and Fairway
- 10:30 AM Arborwood and Greens
- 11:30 PM Cross Creek and Villas
- 12:30 PM OPEN for scheduling conflicts

**NOTE: PLEASE WEAR RED!** A row of residents will be called, you can say or read a short statement, "No Rate Increase, lack of service, etc." then you can leave; we plan to make it simple & quick. Every person who stands will be counted in the record! "I AM COUNTING ON YOUR ATTENDANCE." Thanks Ann Marie.

**Bring your Customer Comment Form to give to Taskforce or PSC staff!**

**WEAR RED! EVERYONE MUST ENTER through GARDEN ROOM.**

**Bring a Return Address Label to expedite signing in at PSC meeting.**