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**Attachments:** 5-1-17, Letter from Fasano.pdf

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

***Shalonda M. Hopkins***

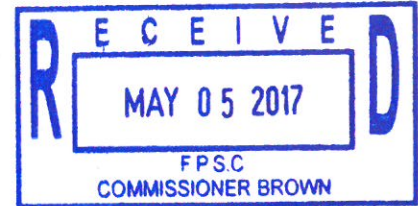
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May 1, 2017

The Honorable Julie Brown, Chair  
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In Re: 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

Dear Chair Brown:

Your leadership to help solve the water quality issues within Pasco County's Summertree community has been recognized and appreciated. Unfortunately, the issue of clean water to this development has not been resolved.

Utilities, Inc. of Florida has recently discontinued producing its own water, instead relying on an interconnect with Pasco County. The utility also has not provided wastewater services to Summertree for many years. The county was forced to take over these services because Utilizes, Inc. of Florida has been unable to provide the basic services a regulated water utility should be able to provide.

Utilities, Inc. of Florida has one responsibility left and that is to maintain the water distribution system and the wastewater collection system within the Summertree community. The Public Service Commission, the Pasco Board of County Commissioners and other interested parties trusted that the interconnect with the county would relieve the pressure on Utilities, Inc. of Florida so that they could perform this one task they now have. Unfortunately, the water quality issues that pervaded this system have returned.

I am grateful that the Pasco County Utilities Department have begun working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, to address these important water quality issues. Until the time comes that all of the quality issues are dealt with, I am asking for the Commission's assistance. The following three areas are specific actions the Commission can take to protect the customers:

- Maintain the prior unsatisfactory finding pertaining to water quality standards within Summertree to include a penalty of one hundred basis point reduction to its return on equity.
- Order and compel all stakeholders involved to work cooperatively and collaboratively to quickly solve these issues.
- Open a new docket to investigate and resolve these new water quality issues.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. It is my hope that if all parties are working together the water quality issues can be addressed while keeping the water itself affordable to the residents.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours truly,



Mike Fasano  
Tax Collector

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Cc: The Honorable Commissioner Patronis  
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