Brandy Butler

From:Brandy Butler on behalf of Records ClerkSent:Wednesday, August 02, 2017 8:07 AMTo:'Gerry Keane'Cc:Consumer ContactSubject:RE: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request

Good morning Mr. Keane,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20160101 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: Gerry Keane [mailto:gjk0506@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Consumer Contact; Records Clerk
Cc: lee.constantine22@yahoo.com
Subject: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request

I am writing about the planned approval of the Utilities Inc rate consolidation & rate hike request.

It is grossly unfair that the customers of Utilities Inc FL (UIF) & Sanlando Utilities (purchased by Utilities Inc. [UI]) are looking at you approving a huge rate increase so Utilities Inc can consolidate their rates across the State of FL.

I thought the major purpose of the FL PSC was to protect consumers of the State of FL from unconscionable rate hikes such as this. Why do the Utilities Inc FL customers in Seminole county have to pay 120%+ of the rate hike requested by UIF? And why do any consumers in FL have to accept a single rate hike that will more than double their monthly water/ sewer bills.

Please reconsider this staff approval and do what is right for the consumers you represent in FL (and especially those in Seminole County).

Gerald Keane, a 25 year resident of Seminole County