

**Brandy Butler**

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**From:** Brandy Butler on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:54 AM  
**To:** 'Jason Howard'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Utilities Inc Rate Increase

Good morning Mr. Howard,

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,

*Brandy Butler*

Commission Deputy Clerk I  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Jason Howard [<mailto:jasonhoward1971@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Utilities Inc Rate Increase

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in the Utilities Inc service area that has been targeted for a 130% rate increase on my water. I have attended a packed house community meeting session here locally where everyone in attendance except for UIF had strongly objected to this extraordinary rate increase proposal. Keep in mind that this meeting was scheduled on a work day. Had it been at a more convenient time, I am sure the attendance would have been substantially larger.

As you can imagine there is a tremendous amount of animosity about this rate increase proposal. For many of us in homeowners associations, this will mean additional HOA assessments or annual fee increases as the water for our HOA will double as well.

I urge you to not approve this proposed rate increase. In fact, I urge you to reduce the current water rate as a repercussion that UIF should never attempt such an insulting rate increase again in the future.

Sincerely,

Jason Howard  
102 Hickory Dr  
Longwood FL 32779

