Brandy Butler

From: Brandy Butler on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:17 PM

To: 'Joseph F. Scarpa, Jr.'

Subject: RE: Utilities Inc. Proposed Rate Increase

Good afternoon Mr. Scarpa,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20160101.

Sincerely,

Brandy Butler

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From: Joseph F. Scarpa, Jr. [mailto:JScarpa@insurancedefense.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:10 PM

To: Records Clerk; Consumer Contact

Subject: Utilities Inc. Proposed Rate Increase

Importance: High

As a home-owning resident of Longwood, Florida, I am requesting this Commission <u>OPPOSE</u> the water rate increase sought by Utilities, Inc. ("Utilities").

There is no justification to support Utilities request for such a large increase, and although small increases are expected as decades go by (if supported by objective evidence), there has been no transparency or evidence presented by Utilities to justify placing *more than double the current rate* upon the Seminole County populous.

Utilities is claiming potential hardship without objective evidence. If this Commission approves the astronomical increase, actual hardships will be felt by Utilities customers while Utilities lines its pockets with unwarranted profits.

Joseph F. Scarpa, Jr.

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