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Director, Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Subject: Docket No. 20190071-WS

Director:

We are owners in Deer Creek Phase II known as Fawn Ridge in Polk County along with approximately 300 other owners and were recently informed that all Deer Creek Utility customers would receive a 308% increase in our water rates and 35% increase in our sewer rates. This community is adjacent to other communities like ours containing approximately 700 owners, a golf course with several large buildings, a bank with leased offices, many small businesses, and a tax office. This impact is a serious hardship on us as seniors on a fixed income. This is our retirement home and we will have no other place to go since we, like others in our community, cannot afford a private campground.

These affected communities currently bring revenue to businesses in this area for many of our daily needs. This large impact will leave many senior citizens with no alternative to cover this expense without impacting other critical needs such as medicine, groceries, etc. Please consider the many senior lives that will be affected in this case and deny the Deer Creek Utility staff assisted rate case in the subject docket for this extraordinarily large increase.

Thank you for your consideration and your empathy for the many lives affected.

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