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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:10 PM
To: 'Guy Blakey'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200139-WS PLEASE DENY REQUEST of Utilities Inc. for rate increase

Good Afternoon, Guy Blakey

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200139-WS and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:44 PM
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Dear PSC Commission:

The current request for rate increase is but one of many OUTRAGEOUS requests, some automatic, this one is not,, **please DENY request.**

Utilities, Inc. has a captive monopoly on its utility customers. Customers have no alternative... it is unreasonable for us to pay for inefficiencies, management decisions, and likely wasteful spending which create cost overruns and result in unreasonable rate increases. **Please DENY request.** When will the excessively high rate increases stop? **Please DENY request.**

Utilities, Inc.'s appears to spend inefficiently and recklessly all the while requesting increases to generate a 12% ROI on investment...who earns a 12% rate of return with little or no risk, in the real world? , **please DENY request** .

Utilities Inc. is a money machine for the owners, **please DENY request**.

I appeal to the PSC's sense of moral responsibility, **please DENY request**.

Does this requested increase comply with State statute 367.0812 that requires that rates be "**just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory**"?

Do we still have PSC staff, championing these appalling rate increases, and then leaving to join Utilities Inc. payroll? As Sergeant Schulze repeatedly said...very interesting....

July 30 , 2017



OBSCENE RATE INCREASES

Lee Constantine, commissioner, Seminole County:

The Public Service Commission staff's habit of leaving for jobs from the very companies they are authorized to regulate has always brought into question their ethics and judgment. But their latest recommendation makes me shake my head in disbelief. With the PSC decision looming on Utilities Inc.'s consolidation rate increase Aug. 3, the staff is supporting a \$5.5 million increase, with more than \$4 million, or 70 percent-plus, coming from customers in Seminole, Orange and Lake counties. One system, in Orange, would see a 212 percent rate increase. We should not subsidize Utilities Inc.'s 16 separate systems. State law requires a "reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory" rate. Public Service commissioners, abide by the law: Say no to these obscene rate increases.

My water bill averaged \$50 before the last major increase. It is currently averaging around \$100 and going to \$125 plus per month if this increase is passed.....assuming 5000 gallons. Forget irrigation!! It is becoming financially undesirable to live in this part of Seminole county. This is OUTRAGEOUS. No other "business" could get away with a heinous rate increase like this (Spectrum Cable can but I am able to cancel their service).

The only option to avoid this disgraceful and egregious increase is to sell and relocate. That is not reasonable, feasible or fair. **PLEASE DENY** the current request.

In case you don't see the theme.....PLEASE DENY the current request.

Respectfully,
Guy H Blakey
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The really good things in life are beyond the "Do Not Enter" signs.