October 14, 2024

531 Estates Place Longwood, FL 32779

Florida Public Service Commission Director, Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Re: Rate increase request by Sunshine Water Services Company

We received notice that Sunshine Water Services Company is requesting a significant rate increase for water usage. Having purchased the home in 1994, we have endured rate increases that collectively are meaningfully beyond general inflation rates during that period. We request that the Commission deny the rate increase in its entirety, unless such rate increase can be bifurcated such that rates for Seminole County users are not increased.

Our position is based not just on the fact that the collective rate increases over the past 25 years are excessive, but additional considerations as well. It is our understanding the customers in our area have been significantly subsidizing users in other service areas of the company by paying excessive rates compared to these other locations, when measured against the cost of such services. If the company is in need of justified rate increases, the increases in Seminole County should be denied until customers in other service areas are paying their fair share.

In addition, we understand that in the Seminole County area, there is a huge amount of aquifer water being wasted via uncapped wells. We have not seen evidence that the company has made any reasonable attempts to curtail that waste thru its community or legislative efforts.

Sincerely,

Karen and James Schnorf

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