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Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 10:59 AM

To: 'Garrett Kenny'
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Subject: RE: Docket No. 20250023-WS grenelefe water utility increase ref 12 properties i own at

grenelefe

Good Morning

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250023, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Subject line (email): Docket No. 20250023-WS – Opposition to Grenelefe Utility Rate Increase

To: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as an investor and property owner with twelve (12) rental units at Grenelefe to express my strong opposition to the proposed water and wastewater rate increases in Docket No. 20250023-WS.

The proposed jump from approximately \$30/month to over \$300/month is neither just nor reasonable. This represents a tenfold increase that will devastate the community and directly inhibit my ability to rent out my

properties. For example, a tenant paying \$1,000 per month for a two-bedroom unit would now face an additional \$300 in water charges. ???it appears.

Prospective renters will simply refuse to pay such excessive utility costs, making my properties—and the broader Grenelefe community—unmarketable.

As you know, Section 367.081(1), Florida Statutes, requires that utility rates be "fair, just, and reasonable" for both the company and its customers. The current proposal shifts the overwhelming financial burden to existing residents and investors, which is inconsistent with this requirement.

I understand Grenelefe Utility may have infrastructure and compliance obligations, but there are more balanced and lawful ways to recover costs, including:

- Requiring new development and future growth to pay their proportionate share of capacity costs through plant capacity charges (§367.081(2)(a), Fla. Stat.).
- Phasing in increases gradually over a longer time horizon.
- Exploring grant funding, low-interest loans, and state/federal assistance programs to offset capital costs.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

- 1. Reject the rate increase as filed.
- 2. Require Grenelefe Utility to propose a fairer structure with phased-in increases.
- 3. Ensure developers and new connections bear their proper share of costs.

The current plan would devastate Grenelefe residents, especially seniors, families, and property investors like myself who provide rental housing. I ask that you uphold your responsibility under Florida law to ensure that rates remain fair, just, and reasonable.

Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the public interest.

Sincerely,

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