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**From:** Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:08 PM  
**To:** 'Ryan Charlick'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Grenelefe Water Rate Increase

Good Afternoon

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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**From:** Ryan Charlick <ryan.charlick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 11:17 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Grenelefe Water Rate Increase

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Dear Commissioners,  
I am writing as an owner of multiple properties in the Grenelefe Community and want to express my opposition to the proposed water and wastewater rate increases in Docket No. 20250023-WS.

**Please note: According to EPA.GOV...the average cost for 1,000 gallons of water in the U.S. is roughly \$6.64.**

**Grenelefe Utility is currently charging \$7.38 per 1000 gallons.**

**The current rate is above the national average.**

**However, the average household income in Haines City is \$20,000 LESS than the national average.**

## **As stated below ANY increase is not "fair, just or reasonable"**

The proposed bills — rising from roughly \$30/month to over \$300/month — are neither just nor reasonable. Such a dramatic and sudden increase violates the Commission's duty under Section 367.081(1), Florida Statutes, which requires that rates be "fair, just, and reasonable" to both customers and the utility. Rates must balance the utility's right to recover prudent costs with customers' right to affordable and essential service.

I understand Grenelefe faces infrastructure challenges and environmental compliance obligations. However, the proposed approach unfairly shifts nearly all financial burden onto existing customers. Under Florida law, the Commission has the authority to:

- Require that new development and future growth pay their proportionate share of capacity costs through plant capacity charges (see §367.081(2)(a), Fla. Stat.), rather than burdening current ratepayers.
- Spread recovery of major capital improvements over a longer time horizon, instead of imposing immediate and unaffordable increases.
- Consider whether grant funding, low-interest loans, or state/federal assistance are available before approving extreme increases.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

1. Reject the proposed rate structure as filed.
2. Require Grenelefe to resubmit a plan that phases in increases gradually and equitably.
3. Ensure that developers and new connections bear appropriate responsibility for growth-related costs, consistent with Commission precedent and statutory authority.

The current proposal would devastate residents, especially seniors and families on fixed incomes. I ask that you uphold your responsibility under Florida law to ensure rates remain fair, just, and reasonable.

Thank you for considering my comments and for protecting the public interest in this matter.

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Thanks  
Ryan Charlick  
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