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From: Tristan Davis on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:35 PM
To: 'Marilyn Bauman'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Strong Opposition to Proposed Water Rate Increase: Docket NO. 20250108-WS

Good Afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250108, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you!

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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed water rate increase of 187% scheduled to take effect on 8-4-26. While I understand the need for maintaining and improving our water infrastructure, this proposed hike is **excessive, untimely and burdensome** for residents.

Many households in our community are already struggling with rising costs for essentials such as food, housing and energy. Adding a significant increase lacks sufficient transparency. Ratepayers deserve a **clear, itemized explanation** of how current funds are being allocated, what cost-saving measures have explored, and what alternative funding sources are not being prioritized before turning to residents for more money.

Water is not a luxury-it is a **basic human need**. I urge you to **reject or substantially reduce** this proposal increase and instead work with the community to find fair, sustainable solutions that do not disproportionately impact those least able to afford them. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust you will consider the voices of the people you serve before making your final decision.

Sincerely
Marilyn Bauman
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