<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

September 15, 1997

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JAGGER)

RE: DOCKET NO. 960545-WS - INVESTIGATION OF UTILITY RATES OF ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. IN PASCO COUNTY.

Please file the attached letters dated September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1997, in the docket file for the above-referenced docket.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (McRoy, Starling)
Harold McLean, Esquire
F. Marshall Deterding, Esquire
Mr. James Goldberg

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Mike Fasano

Representative, 45th District Majority Whip

Reply to:

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 323 The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 (904) 488-8528

September 22, 1997

Steve Watford, Vice President Aloha Utilities, Inc. 2514 Aloha Place Holiday, FL 34691

Dear Mr. Wetford:

The following constituents have contacted me complaining about their water:

- Robert White, 9114 Millers Pond Avenue, New Port Richey 34655 (376-1423), has black, smelly water and low water pressure.
- Connie Hayunga, 1460 Davenport Drive, New Port Richey 34655 (376-7514), has black, smelly water. Please note that this is Ms. Hayunga's second request for assistance. I sent you a letter on her behalf on June 27, 1997. In addition, Ms. Hayunga said that she contacted your office directly three or four weeks ago and nothing was ever done.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide to these individuals.

Thanks in advance for your help. If I can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mike Fasano State Representative, District 45

MF/cmh cc: Dr. Richard Garrity, Department of Environmental Protection Dr. Marc Yacht, Pasco County Health Department Ralph Jaeger, Public Service Commission

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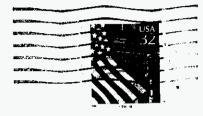
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UTILITIES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT PUB. WKS/UTILITIES BLDG. 7530 LITTLE ROAD S-205 NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654

September 23, 1997

David Porter, P.E. C.O. 1857 Wells Road Suite 226 Orange Park, Florida 32073

Dear Mr. Porter:

In response to your letter of September 11, 1997, we offer the following discussion and information.

Our letter of August 28, 1997 to State Representative Mike Fasano was written in response to Mr. Fasano's letter to me requesting general information regarding the issue. My response was not intended to be contentious nor make empirical statements regarding the specifics of the existing conditions. I also provided no opinions regarding resolution of the problems but merely my observations in light of background information obtained from conversations with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) staff, my water operations director, and water quality laboratory staff.

The source of my information regarding naturally occurring Hydrogen Sulfide is based on information obtained from FDEP and our own analysis of Pasco County groundwater. Employing air stripping of our source water at the Little Road Water Treatment System does not provide 100 percent Hydrogen Sulfide removal as your letter correctly indicates. However, it is apparently efficient enough in its removal to avoid blackwater conditions in our distribution system and in our customer's homes. In addition, you correctly indicate that air stripping may cause the water to become more corrosive. We provide softening treatment to this process to reduce the corrosivity of the air stripping action. This is also the method we use to successfully achieve lead and copper compliance.

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David Porter, P.E. C.O. September 23, 1997 Page 2 of 2

You indicate in your stoichiometric portrayal of Chlorine and Hydrogen Sulfide reaction that no elemental sulphur is produced. Later, you indicate that the dissolved oxygen levels in the water will produce elemental sulphur, using a simplified stoichiometric equation. I'm sure you would agree that these two reactions, as you provide, are both occurring in the Chemical Disinfection Process. At this point we should also agree that the hydrogen sulfide issue and most of the side reactions which result from treatment processes employed for drinking water in this part of Florida are aesthetic issues, not necessarily regulated by State or Federal agencies. We should also agree that, in spite of the lack of specific regulatory standards in regard to aesthetic water quality issues, and secondary standards, the customers' perception that their water is safe is as important, in fact of central importance in this regard. This is of particularily concern to us as a utility system serving the public. To a large extent, the public's perception of the quality of their water supply supercedes many other considerations.

In summary, we encourage you to continue working toward a satisfactory resolution of these aesthetic quality issues as rapidly as practical. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or require further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at (813) 847-8145.

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Douglas S. Bramlett Assistant County Administrator Utilities Serviçes

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cc: Marty Deterding Esq./RS&B, 2548 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 34691 Representative Mike Fasano, 8217 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey, FL 34654 Ralph Jaeger/FPSC, 101 E. Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 34691 John Jenkins, Esq./RS&B, 2548 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 34691 Steve Watford, President/AUI, 5403 Aloha Pl., Holiday, FL 34691 Board of County Commissioners John J. Gallagher, Pasco County Administrator

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Water/Wastewater System Consultant

September 11, 1997

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Pasco County Utilities Services Branch Public Works/Utilities Building, S-205 New Port Richey, FL 34654 Attn: Mr. Douglas S. Bramlett, Assistant County Administrator

Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc./Seven Springs Water System

Dear Mr. Bramlett:

Last Friday I received a copy of a letter that you wrote to Representative Mike Fasano in which you gave your opinion regarding the cause of "black water" problems that are being experienced by a small number of Aloha's customers located in an isolated section of Aloha's south western service area. Because you expressed opinions concerning Aloha's water system and provided a comparison between Aloha's corrosion control program and that of Pasco County, I believe your letter requires a response. There has been considerable debate and on-going litigation concerning this issue to date. To the extent that you have chosen to express your opinion on these volatile issues I must, on behalf of my client Aloha Utilities, Inc. point out that your letter is wrought with inaccuracies. We therefore request that you immediately issue a retraction, or at the very least a statement that your opinions were in error.

I must start out by telling you that when I read your letter I was astounded. Many of your statements contradicted not only my understanding of water process engineering and water chemistry, but also the specific findings of the numerous treatises and articles which I have researched on this subject over the last several years. I have prepared this letter in hopes that you can clarify your comments to show me the basis, if any, for the specific points your raised which I otherwise believe to be without foundation.

First of all, you state that the source of black water is the "high concentration of naturally occurring hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) in the source water." The source water in question does not contain "high" concentrations of hydrogen sulfide. Since we, like all water utilities (including Pasco County) are not required to submit hydrogen sulfide monitoring data for our source water to FDEP, I would like to know how you concluded that Aloha's source water contains "high" levels of hydrogen sulfide. In fact, the information we have concerning sulfate concentrations in Pasco County's finished water, shown later in this letter, leads us to believe that the County's cource water may be higher in hydrogen sulfide then that of Aloha.

Aloha provides proper, and generally accepted, treatment for the control of hydrogen sulfide at its well sites. Chlorine oxidation of hydrogen sulfide is provided at each well site. This method is very successful as the water entering the distribution system does not contain any measurable quantity of hydrogen sulfide. All hydrogen sulfide is oxidized to sulfate. The chemical equation related to this reaction is well know and well understood. This process has been utilized at countless numbers of water facilities for controlling hydrogen sulfide for decades. The equation follows:

 $H_2S + 4Cl_2 + 4H_2O = H_2SO_4 + 8HCl$

Please note that no elemental sulfur is produced in this reaction ... only the sulfate form of sulfur remains.

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You state that in your system, you utilize air stripping to remove a portion of the hydrogen sulfide. Air stripping at the pH normally found in raw waters is not very efficient in removing hydrogen sulfide. A large portion of the sulfide is not in the gaseous state at pH 7 or above and can not, therefore, be removed by air stripping. In fact only 64% of the total hydrogen sulfide is in the gaseous state at this pH. Therefore, even if your air stripper was 100% efficient in removing the hydrogen sulfide that is in the gaseous state (which it is not), over 35% of the hydrogen sulfide would not be removed and would pass though the air stripping unit. Your water would still contain a substantial portion of the of hydrogen sulfide originally present. What you may not be aware of is the fact that air stripping adds substantial quantities of oxygen to the water which causes the water to become very corrosive. In addition, the elevated oxygen levels can cause the oxidation of the remaining hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur as shown in the following reaction:

$$2 H_2 S + O_2 = 2 H_2 O + 2 S_{(S)}$$

Therefore, it is more likely that facilities utilizing simple air stripping will produce elemental sulfur than will facilities utilizing chemical oxidation. The main problems associated with converting hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur are related to finished water turbidity increases and the negative effects that increased water turbidity produce (like lower disinfection efficiency, increased chance for bacterial contamination and growths in the distribution system, etc.).

One of the statements that you made is plainly contrary to all literature on the subject of black water development of which I am aware. Did you really mean to say that "the addition of chlorine disinfection produces elemental sulfur which, combined with the presence of the orthopolyphosphate and the addition of heat in the water heaters causes chemical reduction and results in the development of "black water" (copper sulfate) conditions." There are a number of inaccuracies in this statement. First, chemical oxidation of hydrogen sulfide with chlorine does not produce any appreciable quantities of elemental sulfur as shown in the chemical equation presented on page one of this letter. Next, it is not possible to combine sulfur and orthopolyphospate under any conditions to get copper sulfate... a source of copper is required. Please see the attached letter from the manufacturer of the orthopolyphosphate inhibitor Aloha utilizes confirming this fact.

After Aloha's water is treated at its well sites, there is no appreciable quantity of hydrogen sulfide present in the finished water...it has been converted to sulfate. The level of sulfate in Aloha's water meets all state and federal standards...as you may know the federal standard is presently 250 mg/L for sulfate. Aloha's water typically has a sulfate concentration of about 10 mg/L. Interestingly, Aloha's sulfate concentration is less than half of that produced at the County's treatment system. In fact your 1996 water quality testing data, as submitted to the FDEP and attached here, shows that your West Pasco Water System produces water with sulfates that range from a low of 12.44 mg/L to a high of 47.8 mg/L. Your main facility, the Little Road Water Treatment Plant, which is I believe the facility with the air stripping units, produces water with a sulfate concentration of 24.49 mg/L which is approximately two and one half times greater than that shown for the Aloha system.

After the water enters the homes of our customer's, in most cases, this sulfate causes no problems. However, in a small number of homes, the sulfate is converted back to sulfide in the homeowners hot water system by sulfate reducing bacteria as shown in the following equation:

 SO_4^{2-} +8H⁺ + 6e⁻ \rightarrow H₂S + 2H₂O + 2OH⁻

The equation shows several important facts. First, free electrons are required for this reaction to proceed. The source of these elections has frequently been found to be from the placement of a sacrificial anode in the hot water tank. The anode's purpose is to extend the life of the tank by corroding before the tank. However, corrosion, which is the loss of electrons, provides the free electrons needed to allow the reduction reaction to proceed. Frequently, changing out the anode will correct this problem (as recommended in American Water Works Association publications). Secondly, the quantity of hydrogen sulfide produced in this reaction, assuming that there are a sufficient number of organisms and time so as not to rate limit the reaction, is directly proportional to the quantity of sulfate present in the water. Since the water produced by the County contains far greater quantities of sulfate than that produced by Aloha, one would speculate that your customer's should be experiencing a much higher incidence of the black water problem if your analysis of the source of the problem is correct. There are many other sources of electrons that could cause this problem. One of these is the improper grounding of home electrical systems to the water. This reaction is very complicated and a great number of papers and books have been written on the subject.

Are you also aware that FDEP has determined that the black substance you talk about is largely composed of copper sulfide not copper sulfate? There is quite a large difference between the two. We believe that since the black particles found in the water have been shown to be copper sulfide, the more likely mechanism for the development of the particles is that, in certain homes, sulfate is reduced to sulfide by sulfur reducing bacteria. This sulfide then combines with copper, leached from the customer's piping as part of the natural process of copper pipe corrosion. This combination of copper and sulfide yields copper sulfide.

The source of the copper needed to form copper sulfide comes from the customer's home copper water piping system. Copper pipe corrodes with time under all water conditions, however, recent research has shown that water containing naturally occurring sulfides accelerates this process. Copper water piping corrosion is a major problem in Florida, so much so that a panel of experts has been assembled (of which I am a member) by State of Florida Department of Community Affairs working with the University of Florida to address this problem and to make recommendations to building officials and others state-wide that may lessen this problem. Due to information gained from this group to date, Mr. Watford, President of Aloha Utilities, Inc. sent a letter to Mr. Gallagher recommending that he look into the problem and suggested that the County may want to develop an information sheet to be provided to builders that would instruct the builder's that they should carefully consider all the facts before they chose the material of construction to be used in water piping system. It has come to our attention that a number of Florida communities have considered banning the use of copper piping for residential water system use. In fact, Duval county banned its use two years ago. If copper piping were not used, it would be impossible for copper sulfide to form.

Your statement that the orthopolyphosphate in some way enhances the generation of the black water particles is totally false. In fact, the opposite is true. Orthopolyphosphate corrosion inhibitor blend addition to water systems is a recognized effective technology to control copper corrosion. The great majority of water systems in Florida with raw water characteristics similar to Aloha's are using this technology successfully. In fact nearby Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties are utilizing the same inhibitor chemical that Aloha uses. Pinellas County and Aloha share the same water source as Pasco County. Again I refer you to the inhibitor manufacturer's letter attached for additional information on this matter.

Since Aloha began adding the inhibitor, the concentration of copper found in first-draw tap samples has fallen dramatically to 1.55 mg/L at the 90th percentile level. Aloha expects to find that with their second round of post treatment sampling, scheduled for later this year, that Aloha's first-draw tap sample test results will yield a copper concentration below the 1.3 mg/L action level. Pasco County has chosen to utilize pH adjustment as your corrosion control method. According to my telephone discussion with Gerald Foster of the FDEP, the County's first round, post treatment, first-draw tap sample test results showed 1.99 mg/L copper at the 90th percentile. Therefore, your copper concentration value is 28% higher than Aloha's. Your chosen corrosion control method is not performing as well as that chosen by Aloha. Your statement indicating that your use of pH control rather than inhibitor addition was a factor that explained why your customer's do not experience this black water problem is contrary to your own reported test results. In fact, since the concentration of copper in the water is directly related to the formation of copper sulfide, the incidence of black water must logically be more pronounced in your system than Aloha's.

The fact that the County's water contains more sulfate and that the tap samples of water at your customer's homes contains more copper leads me to believe that there is a good chance that there are customer's in your system that are experiencing the black water problem and that either they have not spoken out or you are not reporting this fact in your letter. I would think that it would be a good idea for the County to survey its customers to determine if the problem is being experienced so that the appropriate action can be taken.

What sets Aloha's problem off from the other systems that are experiencing this problem across the State (and there are many such systems) is that Aloha is receiving a great deal of attention from Representative Fasano that the others are not. Aloha is making every effort to assist its customers that are experiencing this problem through its corrosion control program.

Doug, I hope that this letter provides you with the data needed for you to determine that your letter to Representative Fasano needs to be retracted or substantially clarified and corrected.

Thank you in advance for whatever information you can provide me to explain the discrepancies I have indicated. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely, (-0,

David W. Porter, P.E., C.O. Water/Wastewater System Consultant

Cc: Steve Watford, President/AUI Marty Deterding, Esq./RS&B 3548 Bla 11 Strue Il. John Jenkins, Esq./RS&B 32301. Representative Mike Fasano Ralph Jaeger/FPSC- fublic Serie Tael-husse John J. Gallagher/Pasco County Administrator 52307 -Pasco County Board of County Commissioners



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David W. Porter, P.E., C.O. 1857 Wells Road, Suite 210 Orange Park, Fl. 32073 September 8, 1997

Dear Dave:

In reference to our discussion this morning regarding the issue of "black water", I feel that it is essential that everyone understand the chemistry we apply through the use of our *blended phosphate treatment programs*. We have always explained our technology to all interested parties hoping that a better understanding of this technology will continue to provide for the great success we have enjoyed throughout the country for over 40 years.

Our discussion centered on the use of phosphates (specifically orthophosphate) in Florida waters. As you are well aware, we treat a significant number of communities throughout the State of Florida. "Black water" problems have never been linked to the use of phosphates, rather it is often understood that the use of blended phosphates can alleviate these types of problems.

<u>Phosphate + hydrogen sulfide + heat</u> does not cause "black water" (copper sulfate). You as well as several other colleagues, have studied this "black water" phenomena for some period of time. In our previous discussions, I feel that you have a good solid understanding of our treatment approach and can appreciate the fact that our programs deal with lowering lead/copper levels as well as sequestering iron, manganese and hardness within supply waters. This has been demonstrated at Aloha Utilities, Pinellas County and Hillsborough County.

Our reputation throughout the country as well as within the water treatment community remains excellent. We pride ourselves on the method of application of these treatment programs and the benefits we provide to the people across the country. If anyone is interested in learning more about our treatment programs, please have them contact us directly.

As always, we thank you for your interest in maintaining high drinking water standards. Feel free to contact us if the need arises.

Sincerely:

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cc: Mr. Keith Chance

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Date received at lab: 03/21/96 Time received at lab: 12:40 PWS ID: 651-1361 Collected by : D.FLYNN PLEASE NOTE: SODIUM WAS ANALYZED BY N.T.L. #0055. ALPHA WAS ANALYZED BY KNL AND RESULTS ARE ATTACHED. NOTE: "*" The MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) or an established

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"ND" This contaminant was not detected at or above our stated detection limit.

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Primary Inorganic 4	Analysis 62	2-550.310	(1) (PWS03	0)		
1074 Antimony	0.006	7030658	ND	31138	0.002	04/01/96
1005 Arsenic	0.05	7030658	ND 🗸	31138	0.003	03/29/96
1010 Barium	2.0	7030658	0.003	31138	0.002	03/22/96
1075 Beryllium	0.004	7030658	ND	3113B	0.0001	03/25/56
1015 Cadmium	0.005	7030658	ND	3113B	0.0004	03/22/96
1020 Chromium	0.1	7030658	ND	31138	0.001	03/25/96
1030 Lead	0.015	7030658	ND	31138	0.0004	03/22/96
1035 Mercury	0.002	7030658	ND	245.1	0.0002	03/28/96
1036 Nickel	0.1	7030658	ND	3113B	0.002	03/27/96
1045 Selenium	0.05	703065B	ND	31138	0.001	04/02/96
1052 Sodium	160	7030658	3.0	31118	0.1	04/05/96
1085 Thallium	0.002	7030658	ND	200.9	0.001	03/22/96
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1025 Fluoride	4.0	7030658	ND	300.0	0.10	03/21/96
1040 Nitrate-N	10.0	7030658	ND	300.0	0.34	03/21/96
1041 Nitrite	1.0	7030658	ND	300.0	0.14	03/21/96
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1025 Fluoride	2.0	7030658	ND	300.0	0.10	03/21/96
1002 Aluminum	0.2	7030658	0.006	3113B	0.003	04/03/96
1022 Copper	1.0	7030658	ND	31118	0.02	03/27/96
1028 Iron	0.3	7030658	ND	3111B	0.10	03/26/96
1032 Manganese	0,05	7030658	0.0012	3113B	0.0001	04/03/96
1050 Silver	0.1	7030658	ND	3113B	0.0003	04/02/96
1095 Zinc	5.0	7030658	ND	31118	0.02	03/26/96
1017 Chloride	250	7030658	7.60	300.0	0.29	03/21/96
1905 Color	15	7030658	ND	2120B	5.0	03/21/96
2909 Foaming Agents		7030658	ND	5128	0.1	03/21/96
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1925 pH	6.5-8.5	7030658	7.61	150.1	0.01	03/21/96
1055 Sulfate	250	7030658	14.42	300.0	3.35	03/21/96
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Date: 04/18/96 Report #: 7030655 Laboratory 10 #: 86418 Date Collected: 03/20/96 Client: PASCO COUNTY UTILITIES fime Collected: 13:40 ATTN:CANDY MULTURE 8864 GOVERNMENT UR SOURCE: POUD WESE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 44654 M008 1,1A DISTRIBUTION ENTRY POINT Date received at lab: 03/21/96 fime received at lab: 12:25 PWS ID: 651-1361 Collected by : D.FLYRN Appha was subcontracted to KNL lab, attached. Please note:Sodium was analyzed by National Testing Lab #0055 N07E: "*" The MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) or an established guideline has been exceeded for this contaminant. "ND" This contaminant was not detected at or above our stated detection limit. Fed Analysis MUL Sample. Analysis Method MDL Anal (MGZE) Id # Performed Number Result Date ------Primary Inorganic Analysis 62-550.310 (1) (PWS030) 1074 Antimony 0.006 7030655 04/01/96 ND 31138 0.002 1005 Arsenic 0.05 7030655 ND 31.138 0.003 03/29/96 1010 Barium -2.0 7030655 0.024 3113B 0.002 03/22/96 1075 Beryllium 0.004 7030655 ND 31138 0.0001 03/25/96 1015 Cadmium 0.005 7030655 ND 31138 0.0004 03/22/96 1020 Chromium 0.1 7030655 ND 31J3B 0.001 03/25/96 1030 Lead 0.015 7030655 ND 31138 0.0004 03/22/96 1035 Mercury 0.002 245.1 0.0002 7030655 ND 03/28/96 1036 Nickel 0.1 7030655 ND 31138 0.002 03/27/96 1045 Selenium 3113B 0.001 0.05 7030655 ND 04/02/96 1052 Sodium 160 7030655 **25.**ι 3111B 0.1 04/05/96 1085 Thallium 0.002 7030655 ND 200.9 0.001 03/22/96 1024 Cyanide 7030655 0.2 ND 4500cnf0.015 03/25/96 1025 Fluoride 4.0 7030655 0.22 300.0 0.10 03/21/96 1040 Nitrate-N 10.0 7030655 1.01 300.0 0.34 03/21/96

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1930		500	7030655 ~	340	25400_	10	03/22/96
	Sulfate	250	7030655	24.39	300.0	3.35	03/21/96
1925	-	6.5-8.5	7030655	7.36	150.1	0.01	03/21/96
1920	Odor	3 ton	7030655	2	2150B	1.0	03/21/96
2909	Foaming Agents	0.5	7030655	ND	512B	0.1	03/21/96
1905	Color	15	7030655	ND	21208	5.0	03/21/96
1017	Chloride	250	7030655	21,02	300.0	0.29	03/21/96
1095	Zinc	5.0	7030655	ND	3111B	0.02	03/26/96
1050	Silver	0.1	7030655	ND	3113B	0.0003	04/02/96
1032	Mariganese	0.05	7030655	0.0034	31138	0.0001	04/03/96
	Iron	0.3	7030655	ND	3111B	0.10	03/26/96
1022	Copper	1.0	7030655	ND	3111B	0.02	03/27/96
	Aluminum	0.2	7030655	0.006	3113B	0.003	04/03/96
-1025	Fluoride	2.0	7030655	0.22	300.0	0.10	03/21/96

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BROWARD TESTING LABORATORY, INC.

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Sample Date: 3-22-93 Report #: 951-1612 Laboratory ID #:86137

Client: PASCO COUNTY UTILITIES PWS ID NO: 651-1361 8864 GOVERNMENT DR. NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654 Location Code: PCUD WEST EMBASSY WELL POINT OF ENTRY Date Received at Lab: 3-23-93 Time Received at Lab: 9:45

Analytical Series: Florida Safe Drinking Water Compliance, Secondary Chemical Analysis 17-550.320. (PWS031)

All values in mg/l unless otherwise noted.

ID	PARAMETER	SAMPLE#	NALYSIS RESULT	ANALYFICAL METHOD	DETEC. LT.	ANALYSIS DATE
1002	ALUMINUM	1612	ND	200.7	0.05	4-11-93
1017	CHLORIDE	1612	32.8	407A	1.0	3-27-93
1022	COPPER	1612	ND	220.1	0.10	3-25-93
1025	FLUORIDE	1612	0.11	340.2	0.05	3-23-93
1028	TRON	1612	ND	236.1	0.10	3-31-93
1032	MANGANESE	1612	0.003	243.1	0.001	3-29-93
1050	SILVER	1612	ND _	272.2	0.002	4-11-93
1055	SULFATE	1612	15.6	4260	5.0	3-31-93
1095	ZINC	1612	ND	289.1	0.10	4-1-93
1095	COLOR	1612	5	110.3	5.0	3428-9 3
1920	ODOR (TON)	1612	. 2	140.1	1.0	3-23-93
1925	LAB PH (UNITS)	1612	8.11	150.1	0.01	3-23-93
1930	TDS	1612	206	160.1	20	4-8-93
2 90 9	FOAMING AGENTS	1612	ND	5128	0.1	3-23-93

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sample Date: 3-22-93 Report #: 951-1617 Laboratory ID #:86137 1 4

Client: PASCO COUNTY UTILITIES 8864 GOVERNMENT DR . NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654 Location Code: PCUD WEST

- PWS ID NO: 651-1361

Time Received at Lab: 10:55

PARKWOOD ACRES WELL #2 POINT OF ENTRY - -----

Date Received at Lab: 3-23-93

Analytical Series: Florida Safe Drinking Water Compliance, Secondary Chemical Analysis 17-550.320. (PWS031)

All values in mg/l unless otherwise noted.

ID	PARAMETER	SAMPLE#	ANALYSIS RESULT	ANALYTICAL METHOD	DETEC.	ANALYSIS DATE
1002	ALUMINUM	1617	ND	200.7	0.05	4-11-93
1017	CHLORIDE	1617	40.1	407A	1.0	3-27-93
1022	COPPER	1617	ND	220.1	0.10	3~25-93
1025	FLUORIDE	1617	0.109	340.2	0.05	3-23-93
1028	IRON	1617	ND	236.1	0.10	3-31-93
1032	MANGANESE	1617	ND	243.1	0.001	3-29-93
1050	SILVER	1617	ND	272.2	0.002	4-11-93
1055	SULFATE	1617	19.8	4260	5.0	3-31-93
1095	ZINC	1617		289.1	0.10	4-1-93
1095	COLOR	1617	5	110.3	5.0	3,25,63
1920	ODOR (TON)	1617	1	, 140.1	1.0	3-23-73
1925	LAB PH (UNITS)	1617	7.74	150.1	0.01	3-23-93
1930	TDS	1617	252	160.1	20	48-73
2909	FOAMING AGENTS	1617	ND	512B	0.1	3-23-93

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September 24, 1997

Ralph Jaeger, Senior Attorney Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Subject: Aloha Utilities, Inc. PSC Docket Number 960545-WS

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

Enclosed for your consideration is a copy of a letter I received from one of my constituents regarding Aloha Utilities. I am forwarding it to your attention to be added to the Aloha Utilities' file.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mike Fasano

State Representative, District 45

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Heritage Lake 9818 Kingsport Avenue New Port Richey, FL 34655-1444

Date: September 18, 1997

Representative Mike Fasano State Representative, District 45, 8217 Massachusetts Avenue, New Port Richey, F1 34655

Dear Representative Fasano:

During the past two years (1996 & 1997), we have experienced four (4) corrosion holes in the copper water pipes of our home causing extensive water damage. The repairs have us cost thousands. Further, I've been advised by a governmental agency that we should replace the home's corrosive copper water pipes with a complete CPVC plastic system which will cost additional thousands of dollars. I estimate that my repair & replacement costs caused by Aloha Utilities, Inc. will exceed \$10,000.00. As my many previous letters will attest, it appears that the responsible local and state governmental agencies for one reason or another have avoided carrying out their investigative, oversight and/or enforcement responsibilities to solve this common problem which effects many local, concerned citizens. (Our governmental agencies are masters of non-commital responses, in-action and/or passing the buck.)

As to Pasco's corroding copper water pipe problems, Aloha Utilities, Inc's., recent "September 1997 -Water News" seems to support the fact that Aloha Utilities, Inc., delayed putting the govenment sponsored water corrosion control Program into effect until late April 1997. (Prior to moving into my present Pasco home I lived in St Petersburg. Fla. for twenty-five years.) When Mr Watford visited my current New Port Richey home on Sept 27, 1996, I asked him why St Petersburg (using water from Pasco's well fields) had no copper pipe corrosive leaks. Mr Watford's reply was to the effect that the St Petersburg water utility complied with the governments corrosion control program years ago and that Aloha Utilities did not start following the corrosion control program until late April 1997.

If the St Petersburg's water utility started using a corrosion control program a long time ago, why couldn't Aloha Utilities have done the same? In the meantime, the copper pipes in the homes of our local communities using Aloha's water have been exposed to Aloha Utilities' aggressive water chemisty for a much longer time, causing severe copper pipe corrosion and considerable expense (water damage repairs) to their customers.

My interpretation of the facts presented above indicates that Aloha's corrosive copper pipe problem has been brought on by in-action on the part of Aloha Utilities. It appears that Aloha delayed carrying out their corrosion control program. If Aloha caused a delay in complying with the corrosion control program, what was their reason? What Florida governmental agencies, have oversight, investigative, and enforcement responsibility over Aloha Utilities? What have they and what are they going to do concerning this problem? Does the State have any sort of document which makes Aloha Utilities responsible for damages they cause its customers? Please advise as to what government agency will asist me in recouping my costs to date?

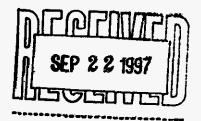
I don't see how any costs relating to neglect, poor management or customer damages on the part of Aloha can be prorated to their water customers.

Please acknowledge.

Sincerely,

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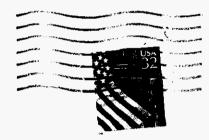




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September 25, 1997

Steve Watford, Vice President Aloha Utilities, Inc. 2514 Aloha Place Holiday, FL 34691

Dear Mr. Watford:

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Killeen of 7805 Jenner Avenue in New Port Richey (376-4733) called to report that they have black, smelly water running through their pipes. I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide to Mr. and Mrs. Killeen.

Thanks in advance for your help. If I can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mike Fasano State Representative, District 45

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cc: Dr. Richard Garrity, Department of Environmental Protection Dr. Marc Yacht, Pasco County Health Department Ralph Jaeger, Public Service Commission

