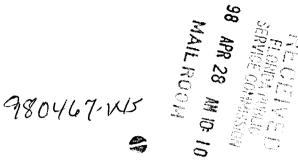
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Dear Commissioners:

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I am a landowner in Marion County, Florida. Recently I was informed that Florida Water Services, Inc. (WS) has submitted an application to amend its Marion Oaks water and waste water service area that includes my land.

I have not been contacted by representatives of WS nor have I requested service from the utility and yet they are attempting to certificate my land. Furthermore, the Marion Oaks system has much higher user rates than other utilities in the County.

My reasons for not wanting to be included in this proposed certification include:

- 1. We are a self-contained community, a "turnkey" operation. Del Webb sells the land, builds the homes and provides the services. We have top quality at reasonable prices, with local quality control. We don't <u>need</u> services from a struggling company who services a poorly planned community.
- 2. Current costs are high enough...more than my former state/city charged.
- 3. I am satisfied with our current private utility.
- 4. Since WS did not contact me, nor any other homeowner in Spruce Creek Preserve to "sell me" on the advantages of them providing water services, I can only assume that their <u>real</u> reason is to absorb some of the terribly high costs they are charging their customers in Marion Oaks, and to pay their development costs for the balance of that very poorly planned area.
- 5. I can see no advantage to us, the county, or state in having WS "steal" these services from Spruce Creek's private utility.
- 6. These (higher) utility costs will cause most potential buyers of Spruce Creek Preserve properties and houses to buy elsewhere, and possibly leave us with empty lots, rather than houses with taxpaying residents.

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For these reasons I object to the proposed certification amendment to increase the Marion Oaks water and waste water service area.

Very truly yours

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