

*Marion County*  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 Marion County Utilities  
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Dear Landowner:

Marion County has been notified that your property located in southwest Marion County is proposed to be certificated into the Marion Oaks water and wastewater service area. The owner of the utility, Florida Water Services, Inc. (FWS) has filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to expand its service area in Marion County to include the area between State Road 200 and Interstate 75 and south of County Road 484 to the Sumter County border. If approved FWS will be the exclusive provider of central water and wastewater utility service. This means that new development will be required to hook up to the Marion Oaks system and be subject to monthly rates that are higher than those of other utilities including the County utilities department. FWS (a for-profit private investor owned utility) will determine which property can be economically served and how capacity is equitably allocated under jurisdiction of the FPSC.

If you do not wish to become part of the FWS service area you can send a written objection to the FPSC stating your concerns. Such letters should be addressed to Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2510 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0870. To learn more about the process you can call the FPSC at (850) 413-6900.

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Sincerely,

*Jim Lowry*  
 Jim Lowry  
 County Administrator

c: Board of County Commissioners  
 Gordon Johnston, County Attorney

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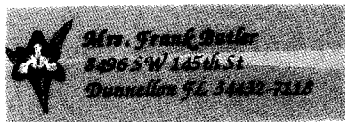
DEAR DIRECTOR:

WE REJECT THE IDEA OF HAVING FLORIDA WATER SERVICE INC. (FWS) SERVICE OUR HOME OR OUR COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THAT THEY WOULD OVERCHARGE FOR THE WATER AND SEWER AND THAT ANY NEW RESIDENT IN OUR AREA WOULD NOT WANT TO BE FORCED TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT.

PLEASE KEEP FWS OUT OF THE FLORIDA HIGHLANDS.

THANK YOU,

MR. & MRS. F. BUTLER, JR.



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