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MEMORANDUM

September 28, 1999

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JAEGE) *RR*

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

Please place the attached letter dated September 6, 1999 in the above-referenced docket file.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Crouch, McRoy, Merchant, Fletcher, Williams, Willis)

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'Let's keep in touch'

DEAR EDITOR:

DATE: September 6, 1999

With what I have read & still keep reading about ALOHA UTILITIES, and with complaints written by me & sent to the county & state politicians as well as the Public Service Commission and also hearing these same complaints from my neighbors and Aloha's customers, its a wonder that the state does not say "Aloha" to this unresponsive-unreliable utility company who defies the thought of 'consideration for the public.'

Drinking Water is a life-giving substance that we cannot discard like an 'old shoe.' There are tests that must be made to ensure the public that they are receiving this life-giving substance. (Without it we cannot survive). If the public only knew the tests that should be made and the potential health effect it would have any person....the customers would 'run them out of town on a rail.'

For example: Tests defined as Inorganic Chemicals as arsenic, asbestos, barium, Beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, cyanide, fluoride, lead, inorganic mercury, nitrate, nitrogen & thallium all have certain effects as changes in blood & blood pressure. Kidney, intestine or liver problems. In some instance, a life threatening to babies under 6 months which they call "blue baby syndrome". Then some organic chemicals have to be tested (this list is three-fold of the former list) then you have Microorganisms, Radionuclides & others. A lot of tests, but we're paying for the.

The NATIONAL SECONDARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (taste, color and/or odor) in drinking water. These standards are recommended to the water systems but does not require them to comply. However, states may choose to adopt them as enforceable standards.

That's where "WE THE PEOPLE", who run this state & country by electing officials, who are dedicated to making Florida a better place to live, can ask or even demand that the state adopt these rules & regulations to make water systems like the Aloha Utilities 'tow the line', and to give us the safe, good drinking water that is available. With just a little knowledge and some compassion for the health of the people it can be done. Yes! It costs the systems a little money but isn't it WORTH SAVING ONE LIFE?

cc: Mike Fasano, Representative
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Gus Bilirakis, Representative
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Florida Public Service Commission
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I'm lookin' for you

