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Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Director,

My husband and I feel great concern regarding the application of United Water Florida, Inc. to extend its service area in Nassau County, Florida.

Their "Application for an Extension of Service Area" notice was published in the August 30, 2000 edition of the Fernandina Beach News Leader. This extension encompasses Eight Sections of our county area.

We already see sewer pipes being laid covering an eight to ten mile area.

We have many apprehensions about this apparently very ambitious large commercial endeavor.

The initial certification (approval?) was to service primarily one developer. The extension requested will include 8 sections which indicates to us much more ambitious goals in the future.

We have many concerns about the impact this service will have on our rural community. We hear of others who have moved here from other rapidly developing areas of Florida who were forced to tie into a new sewer and water service at great initial expense (\$8,000 to 15,000) and continuing monthly fees for an unwanted service.

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Because we live in a rural unincorporated area, we feel we have not had adequate notice of this encroachment that nearby Fernandina Beach, for example, would have received from its City Commissioners. Our County Commissioners appear as uninformed as we are as to what to expect in the future and what legal stand we can take to have a voice in the Comprehensive plan for the future development of our area - to protect our way of life and certainly our pocket books.

Our County Commissioners appear to be learning along with the rest of us, perhaps too late to stop rampant largely uncontrolled development already in progress.

We understand that a hearing will be held sometime next year before the Certification for Extension of Services will be decided. How and where can we obtain specific information as to possible impact on our area? Are there precedents from other Counties you could give us information on as to how to proceed in a fair and informed manner. My parents, our children and grandchildren all live in this community - This issue is most important to all of us.

Thank you for your attention and help.

Sincerely,
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