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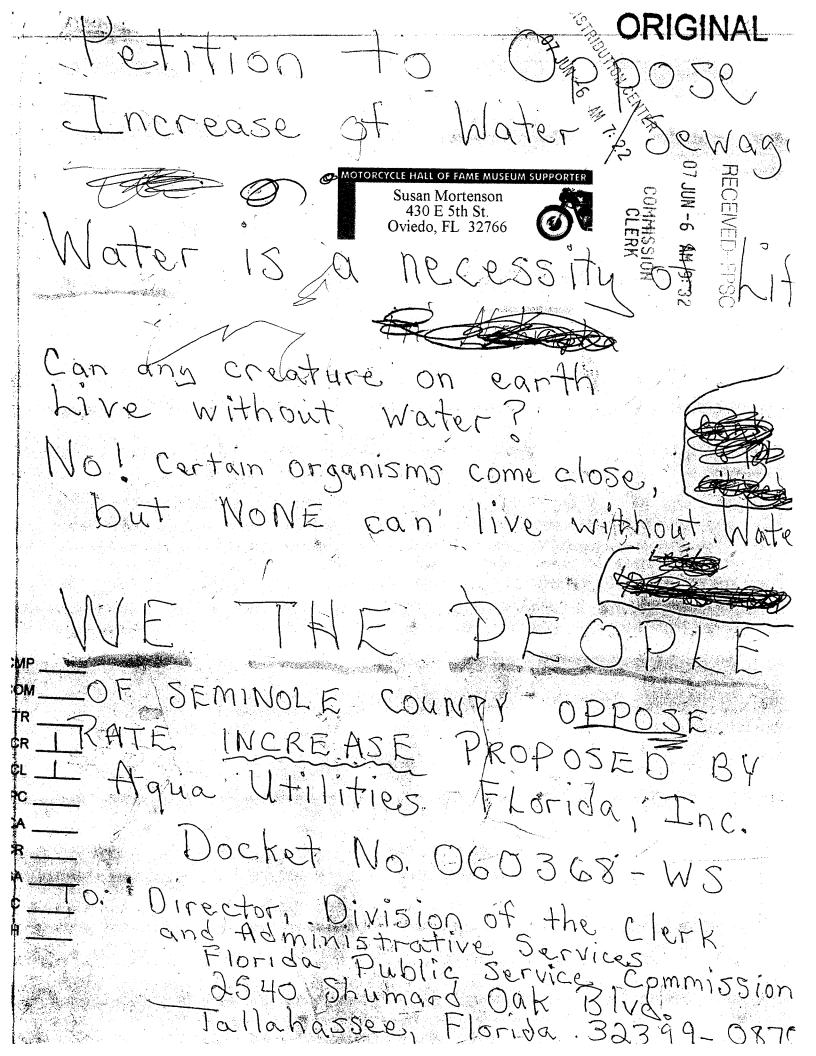
DATE:	June 8, 2007						
то:	Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk						
FROM:	Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel						
RE:	Docket Number 060368-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.						

Please file the attached petition in opposition to the rate increase signed by customers of Aqua's Chuluota system in the above-referenced docket file. Thank you.

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE

## TO THE CUSTOMERS OF AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC. Date Issued: April 11, 2007

1. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code, that Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (Utility) has filed a petition for a rate increase with the Florida Public Service Commission. The last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than S5 million in your community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than S2,600 per customer. The Utility has expanded the wastewater treatment plant's capacity to handle increasing demand, as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the Utility has replaced deteriorating pipe that carries waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment facility. For your water system, the upgrades include rehabilitating a worn-out storage tank and improving the treatment system's disinfection process to enhance water quality. The Utility is also upgrading electrical systems at the water treatment plant and replacing undersized and deteriorated water main to improve water quality about the present and future effects of withdrawing water from the Floridia Aquifer. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional expenses.

2. Copies of the petition, minimum filing requirements, and rate case synopsis are available for inspection during normal office hours at the Utility's office and the Seminole County Library as follows:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Phone: 352.435.4027 Seminole County Library 1101 E. First Street Sanford, Florida 32771 Phone: 407.665.0311

3. The initial tentative schedule established for the case, including dates, times and locations of hearings, is as follows:

Service hearing – June 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the Deltona Commission Chambers, Municipal Complex, 2345 Providence Boulevard, Deltona, Florida 34654.

Final hearings - October 24-26, 2007 and October 29-30, 2007, at the Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

4. Listed below are the Utility's present and interim rates and proposed final water and wastewater rates, based on monthly billing. At the March 27, 2007 Agenda Conference, the Public Service Commission approved the interim rates reflected in rates schedule below. The approved interim rates are effective on April 12, 2007.

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5. The Utility has requested a change in its Service Availability Charges as part of its rate request. The Commission will be reviewing the Utility's Service Availability Charges in the pending case under Docket No. 060368-WS, and the Commission may adjust those charges if the Commission deems that appropriate.

6. The Utility has requested a change in its Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI) Charges as part of its rate request. The Commission will be reviewing the Utility's AFPI Charges in the pending case under Docket No. 060368-WS, and the Commission may adjust those charges if the Commission deems that appropriate.

7. Any written comments regarding the Utility's service or the proposed rates and charges should be addressed to: Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870 and should identify the Docket Number assigned to the proceeding. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 800.342.3552.

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

For Aqua Utilities Florida Customers in Chuluota (PWS # 3590186)

The Chuluota water system routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results conducted during the past four quarters (that is the 2nd quarter 2006 through the 1st quarter 2007 showed that our system exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The MCL for TTHMs is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L). The running annual average (RAA) level based on test results of the last four quarters was 153.3  $\mu$ g/L. The table below shows the quarterly test results for TTHMs (second column) and the RAA (third column).

SAMPLE DATE	TTHM (µg/L)	RAA (µg/L)
Second Quarter 2006	176.8	148.9
Third Quarter 2006	127.3	135.5
Fourth Quarter 2006	147.6	141.6
First Quarter 2007	161.5	153.3

Although this is not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

<u>What should I do</u>? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply or boil your water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Customers who are concerned about exposure to TTHMs can choose alternative sources of water (e.g. bottled water) or use a home water treatment device, such as a "flow through" pitcher, certified by NSF for reducing TTHMs. (Contact NSF at 1-800-673-6275 or <u>http://www.nsf.org</u>.)

<u>What does this mean</u>? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Disinfectants combine with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs), including TTHMs. The EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. It has been estimated by the EPA that harmful effects may be noticed if a person consumes 2 liters of water with TTHMs in excess of the standard on a daily basis for 70 years.

### What happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

Aqua Utilities Florida submitted plans to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on December 11, 2006 to modify the disinfection process at the treatments plants to reduce the TTHMs. On March 12, 2007, the DEP issued a construction permit on to install the chloramine disinfection system to reduce the TTHMs. We will continue quarterly testing and will notify you of our progress and future results until the RAA is below the MCL.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact:

Responsible Person	System Name	Aqua Utilities Florida (Street)
Patrick Farris	Chuluota Water System	P.O. Box 490310, Leesburg, FL. 34749
Phone Number	System PWSID #	
(352) 787-0980	FL3590186	

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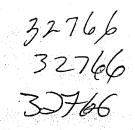
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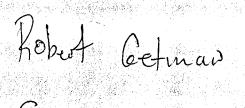
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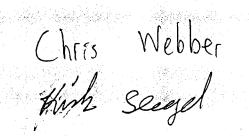
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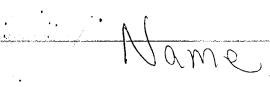
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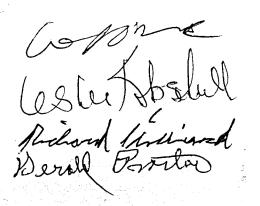
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