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January 18, 2008

To: Parties of Record and
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Docket 060122-WU

RE: Docket 060122-WU - Joint petition for approval of stipulation on procedure with Office of Public Counsel, and application for limited proceeding increase in water rates in Pasco County, by Aloha Utilities, Inc.

This is to inform you that the Commission is reporting the following communication in the above-referenced docket:

Correspondence dated January 18, 2008, from Senator Mike Fasano, 11th District, Florida Senate.

The correspondence will be made a part of the record in this proceeding. Any party who desires to respond to this communication may send a response to the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Cole".

Ann Cole

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Michael Cooke, General Counsel

Ann Cole

From: William C. Garner
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 2:20 PM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: Roberta Bass; Lorena Holley; Larry Harris; Bridget Groom
Subject: Docket No. 060122-WU

Attachments: FAX.TIF

Ann,

Please place the attached document in the record for docket No. 060122-WU, and disseminate to all of the parties of record.

William C. Garner (Bill)

Florida Public Service Commission
Chief Advisor to Chairman Carter
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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From: Randy Roland
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 1:33 PM
To: William C. Garner; Lois Graham; Roberta Bass; Lorena Holley; Kay Posey; Larry Harris; Steve Larson; Bridget Groom; Mary Macko
Cc: Rhonda Hicks
Subject: FW: 727 841 4453, 2 page(s)

Attached is a letter from Senator Fasano.

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January 18, 2008

The Honorable Matthew Carter, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Chairman Carter:

On January 29, 2008 the Commission is scheduled to consider Aloha Utilities' petition for a rate increase as documented in Docket No. 060122-WU. While the scheduling of this hearing has been driven by the settlement agreement entered into by Aloha and the Commission, I am respectfully requesting that you consider postponing the hearing. The purpose of the postponement is so that it can be rescheduled in Pasco County at a date and time to be set. With the specific purpose of allowing affected customers to attend and testify.

The saga of Aloha Utilities and its customers is well known and well documented. It took more than a decade of legal wrangling with the utility for its management to finally agree to install a water treatment system that will address the ongoing problems of hydrogen sulfide. Sadly, the settlement agreement was entered into by Aloha only upon the threat of deletion of its territory. That very settlement agreement, however, is well over a year behind schedule. On November 22, 2007 I sent a letter to this commission requesting that deletion proceedings be instituted once again because of Aloha's egregious violation of the settlement agreement's timetable. Rather than consider that request the Commission obviously is considering the rate increase application that Aloha has filed.

If the 12,000 plus customers who live in Aloha's Seven Springs Service Delivery Area had a tangible reason to pay the rates requested by Aloha (i.e. cleaner water) then there may be little opposition. If they could see the construction of a treatment plant or see water lines being connected with Pasco County's system I doubt there would be many who would object to paying higher water rates. However, since the staff recommendation proposes an increase of over \$3 million dollars, which is admittedly far less than what Aloha had applied for, I doubt very few, if any, customers would support such an increase. I believe it is in the best interests of the customers if they had an opportunity to express their position on this proposal. Therefore, I respectfully request that the January 29 hearing be postponed and rescheduled to a later date in

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January 18, 2008

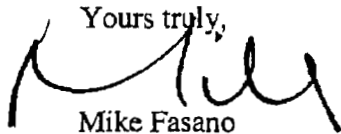
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Pasco County at a venue which is sufficiently large enough to accommodate the customers who may wish to testify in this rate hearing.

Since Aloha has had little regard for the timetable set on in the settlement agreement, I can't see how a short delay in this particular hearing would be detrimental to the utility. A delay in the hearing, with it moved to a location that the customers can easily attend, will serve to give the Commission the human side of this problem. This proposed rate increase is more than just dollars and cents for a company, it is a real impact on the lives of those people who rely upon this water company for their most basic of physical needs. Any rate increase, after all, will come out of their pockets. I for one believe they should have the opportunity to express how their lives have been and will be affected.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Mike Fasano
State Senator, District 11

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Cc: The Honorable Nancy Argenziano
The Honorable Lisa Polak Edgar
The Honorable Katrina McMurrian
The Honorable Nathan A. Skop