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October 1, 2008

Mr. Gene Rapp 11291 NW 113th Court Chiefland, FL 32626

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Re: DOCKET NO. 080268-WS - Joint Application for transfer of the Springside water and wastewater systems from Par Utilities, Inc. in Levy County to FIMC Hideaway, Inc.; amendment of Certificates 426-W and 362-S held by FIMC Hideaway, Inc.; and amendment of

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Fred Loughmiller 11330 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Terrace Chiefland, Fl 32626

August 15, 2008

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT** 

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Legal Notice Application for Transfer of Facilities (Section 367.071, FL statutes)

Ref: WasteWater Compliance Inspection Report
Springside MHP WWTF-FLA011650 Letter of Non-Compliance.
Warning Letter #WL-08-018-DW-38-NED

Sirs:

The purpose of this letter is to express objections by the Springside Subdivision Homeowners to the application for the transfer of the water and waste water facilities to FIMC Hideaway from Par Utilities Inc. The following are our specific reasons for the objections.

The Homeowners first became aware that the utility had been sold when we received a water bill from FIMC Hideaway with a note saying that it had been sold 30 days prior. We were not aware that the utility had been up for sale. To our knowledge, the notice for sale was not advertised or published in any local paper. Par Utility, the former owner, did not inform the Springside residents prior to the sale.

Florida DEP personnel conducted a compliance inspection of the Springside wastewater facility. Several non-compliance discrepancies were noted and rule violations. All of these discrepancies and several others were found during the Compliance Evaluation Inspection and documented in letters – #Springside MHP WWTF – FLA 011650, Warning Letter #WL-08-018-DW-38-NED.

None of these discrepancies should have existed in the first place, but they certainly should have been corrected immediately after the second reminder. The residents of Springside feel strongly that FIMC Hideaway is not concerned with our health or with complying with the rules that the Florida Health Dept and DEP have set forth.

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Potable Water - System ID: 2381409 Springside Subdivision.

There are two wells that service Springside subdivision. On or about 11/15/07, we had an outage and were operating on the secondary pump when it failed. The primary pump was out of service and we were told it had to be pulled and replaced, but before a contractor could be called, Mr. McBride had to give his approval for this expenditure. This took several days. In the meantime, the operator opened a crossover valve from Hideaway Subdivision to supply water to Springside while our wells were out of service. Springside was not issued a written Boil Water Notice at that time or during any prior outages.

On 11/30/07 Fred Loughmiller filed a complaint with PSC via computer online, Case Ref# 760476W. The complaint was that an underground leak had not been repaired for nine days. The operator, Lonnie Parnell, was aware of the leak and said that Mr. McBride had to give him approval before he could fix it.

After this complaint was made, PSC sent a letter stating that the utility owner would contact Fred within three weeks. After three weeks passed with no contact Fred called PSC again. PSC said they would contact the owner again. The owner never made contact with Fred. Again, it seems Mr. McBride does not abide by rules, compliance directives or orders from PSC or DEP.

Water Tank – According to the rule Ms Joni Petry of DEP stated, the Springside Water tank must cleaned annually, not just flushed. Some residents who have lived for many years by the water tank have never seen it cleaned. In 2007 Fred Loughmiller questioned the operator, Lonnie Parnell, about cleaning the tank. Lonnie stated he has never had to clean it. The DEP rule also states that the tank must be inspected every five years. 2008 is the five-year period and inspection is due. This can be a health risk if not cleaned.

2006 Drinking Water Report — On 12/21/06 Ms Joni Petry of DEP sent a non-compliance letter to Par Utilities showing that sulfate test revealed 465.04 mg/L, exceeding the MCL of 250 mg/L. That was nearly double the MCL allowed. A notice form was included with this letter for Mr.Parnell to fill out explaining what happened. The completed form was to be mailed to all the residents of Springside, but no one received this form. It was about this time that residents started smelling a strong rotten egg odor in the water. This odor persists today.

2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report – Springside residents were informed by a letter dated 7/30/08 admitting to a violation of a secondary contaminant, "sulfate". The MCL (maximum contaminant level) allowed is 250 mg/L. The letter included the health effects, such as diarrhea etc. associated with ingestion of sulfates above the MCL. The June 10, 2008 sampling showed an even higher level of 628 mg/L. Springside residents have been drinking water with this high level of contaminants for 2 years. A letter dated 7/30/08 from FIMC said they are working with Florida Rural Water Association to resolve this problem. However, no one has been seen working on or around the water plant. This can be a health risk and should be corrected soon.

**Boil Water Notices** – Longtime residents of Springside cannot ever recall receiving a written Boil Water notice before getting a notice on 6/10/08. Not issuing a written notice when the water pressure is lost is a blatant violation of the rule. Again this can be a health risk.

Rate Increases – Mr. McBride included a paragraph in the 2007 Annual Drinking Water Report "that sometimes improvements need to be made that will benefit the customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding". Springside residents feel this can be interpreted to mean he may want us to pay for the maintenance costs he has incurred. We feel that maintenance is not the same as improvements. It is a cost of doing business.

We are now paying a high rate for water and sewer that we feel is not safe to drink.

The water base fee is \$8.07
The water use fee is gal. X .00282
Base sewer fee is \$16.50
Sewer use fee is gal. X .00533

Our new water bills do not itemize the use fees so that we can check for mathematical errors. There have been several times when some residents have found large errors.

We ask that PSC review Parnell Utilities Inc. requests for rate increases from year 2004 to present. If prior rate increases were justifiable, we would appreciate a letter stating this. Springside homeowners request a public hearing with PSC in the event the owner asks for a future rate increase.

We would like to thank DEP for getting involved with the problems associated with both Springside and Hideaway Subdivisions. They came out here and saw firsthand the reality of a neglected treatment plant. They were helpful in explaining the rules that govern the operation of a water and wastewater utility and kept us informed.

Please accept and file these objections.

Sincerely,

Fred Loughmiller

Cc: Mr. Robert McBride FIMC Hideaway, Inc. P.O. Box 357246 Gainesville, FL 32635-7246

## Signatures of Springside Residents Agreeing to these Objections

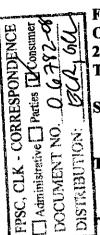
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Ken Dietich	11190 NW 112 PL.	352-490-7848
Hay Monedet	11499 NW 112 MBL	352-493-2454
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donald Enforter	D /13/1 NW 1/3 CT	352-490-5437
Fariffol	1/3/1 N.W. 112th Terrace	193-2255
James W Blanton	11417NW 112TH TERRA	ce 490-1234
Janie I Burton	11417NW112+ TERRACE	- 490-7234
Shy Ollin	11390 NW 112th TEX	357-493- <b>39</b> 0539
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Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 08 AUG 19 AM 9: August 16, 2008

COMMISSION CLERK

Subject: The Application for Transfer of Facilities of Springside Water and Waste Water Systems to FIMC Hideaway, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

The residents of Springside object to this application for the following reasons.

Hideaway's water and wastewater facilities have deteriorated to the point of being inoperable. We fear this will happen at Springside.

Bob McBride informed Springside that he intended to join Hideaway's and Springside facilities, operating solely out of Springside. We feel that these are two separate water and wastewater facilities and should remain that way.

There have been several repairs made in Springside that took unbelieveable amounts of time to complete. The entire community's water was shut down. A boil order (verbal) was issued for two days, then lifted with no chemical certification issued indicating that our water's chemistry was within allowed state requirements.

Bob McBride was questioned if he had sufficient funds in reserve to handle any major problem. His answer was yes.

There are shut off valves around Springside to isolate areas so that the entire community would not have to lose water. None of these valves are operable and must be fixed.

FIMC billing has many of Springside residents confused. FIMC doesn't show the cost of water per gallon and he bills as though the bill is late upon receipt. FIMC should show the current amount and have a separate statement (if this bill is not paid by X-Y-Z, a late charge of \$A-B-C will be added to your next bill). Currently, FIMC charges a \$5.00 late fee which we feel is too much.

Many of our residents have tried to phone Mr. McBride. He does not answer his phone and will not respond to messages left on his answering machine. Mr. McBride has been told repeatedly that he must return our calls. This proves that he doesn't have good business sense. All he's concerned about is getting paid on time.

Under State Law our water pressure vessel must be cleaned and sanitized periodically. To our knowledge this has never been done.

Springside residents have not been issued test reports of the required water quality testing.

There is a water valve between Hideaway and Springside that is currently open so that Hideaway can use our water. This valve was opened by a resident of Hideaway (Bill Campbell). We feel that this valve should be closed permanently.

The Clubhouse in Hideaway is located adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. (which has an awful odor) The state must have a law covering how close a building for this purpose can be located to a wastewater treatment plant. This building should be condemned and quarantined for any use by human beings.

Sincerely,

The residents of Springside Home Owners.

GENE RAPP, President

352-490-9672

BETTY BUTLER. Treasurer

352-493-7351

CLAUDETTE LAFORTUNE, Secretary 352-493-7755

KEN DIETRICH, Architectural Com.

352-490-7848

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GARY BENEDICT, Architectural Com. 352-493-2454

CC: FIMC Hideaway, Inc.

P. O. Box 357246

Gainesville, FL 32635

Attn: Mr. Robert McBride

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A Copy is BEING MAILED TO MR. Mª BRIDE AS WELL.

DONE TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND FOR A
Speedy Reply.
THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN ON GOING FOR AT LEAST
AS LONG AS I'VE LIVED HERE. SINCE MAR. 2001, IT HAS
WORSENED IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR.
AGAIN THANK YOU FOR TAXING CARE OF THIS.
MR. NELSON G. E MARGARET CAPEILI
11190 N.W. 114 TAPL
CHIEFLAND, FL. 32626

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Robert McBride Page 3 July 17, 2008

## Application for Transfer of Facilities (Section 367.071, Florida Statutes)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Township 11 South, Range 13 East, Section 25. The North 75 feet of the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 25, and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 25, less the North 790 feet of the West 760 feet of the North 1/2 of the SE 1/4, and the West 200 feet of the East 600 feet of the North 600 feet of the North 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 25.

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Mr. Robert McBride FIMC Hideaway, Inc. P.O. Box 357246 Gainesville, FL 32635-7246

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CONSUMER

Mr.Robert McBride. FIMC Hideaway,Inc. PO Box 357246 Gainesville,FL.32635-7246

To all conserned, I have been a resident Property Owner of HideAWay Mobile Home Community for almost Six (6) years. In that time we have never had a "Trustworthy" Water System.

The System has been pleagued with one problem after another. Untill we got the EPA involved, The "Boil Water Notice" required after a loss of pressure or repairs was a piece of cardboard fastened to Utility Poles at the street corners. We now get hand delivered notices to Boil and to Recend Boil. Thanks to EPA and Thank you Mr.McBride, It appears you are showing some consern for the people who entrust their health to the Water you supply as Potable Water.

A lot of the problems we have endured were Emlloyee Neglience, So my only objection to you owning another Water and Sewage Facility is.. If you cant manage one (1) facility and its employees, How do you expect the Resident's of HideAWay and Springside to confide in you to operate two Facilities with the problems that both Systems have at this time?

I wish you the best of luck, and as a customer I will do all I can to help you supply both communities with a quality Water and Sewage System.

James B. Ford

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