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OK.

On Thu, Aug 11, 2011 at 1:32 PM, Filings@psc.state.fl.us < Filings@psc.state.fl.us > wrote:

Filings@psc.state.fl.us would like to recall the message, "Docket No. 110019-WS".

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Dorothy Menasco

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From: Dorothy Menasco

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 12:37 PM

To: Lisa Bennett

Cc: Pat Brady

Subject: RE: Docket 110019-WS

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Thank you for the clarification. We will change the designation from "interested person" to "party of record" per your instructions below.

From: Lisa Bennett

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 12:36 PM

To: Dorothy Menasco

Cc: Pat Brady

Subject: RE: Docket 110019-WS

He should be a party of record listed in CMS. His petition should be a separate document number.

Lisa C. Bennett Senior Attorney 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 850-413-6230

From: Dorothy Menasco

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 12:35 PM

To: Lisa Bennett Cc: Pat Brady

Subject: Docket 110019-WS

Hi Lisa,

We are in receipt of an e-filing from an interested person in the above mentioned docket. We have assigned the document DN 05628-11. Mr. Hong has not filed a notice of appearance, a petition to intervene, or other form of request to be added as a party of record. Please advise if he should be made a party of record in the parties list in CMS, or if this document should have been placed in consumer correspondence instead. Thank you for your help.

Dorothy

from: Nicholson

To: Office of Commissions Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission RECEIVED-FPSC July 20, 2011

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Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Re: Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., And subsequent notices pertinent thereto.

Gentlemen:

Supplementing our prior filed protests and in addition thereto we submit the following:

Approval of the Application will result in the unjust enrichment of Harbor Hills Utilities LP and/or Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. The parties will be unjustly enriched because they will acquire property rights (Certificate for Initial Rates). These "property rights" will be acquired at the expense of the residential property owners within the Wastewater system without compensation to said residents.

In the event the application is approved, equity requires that it be amended to protect the property rights of the residential property owners within the system. This can be accomplished by amending the Application to exclude present residential property owners from the rate charges for a period of years equal to the remaining composite useful life of the waste water utility.

The use of Composite useful life is recognized by the Florida Public Service Commission. (See footnote to Exhibit W-4, Form PSC/ECR 003-W, to wit: "*If depreciation rates prescribed by this Commission are on a composite basis, entries should be made on this line only."

To: Office of Commissions Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission July 20, 2011

An applicable composite rate can be determined in the instant case by reference to the 2010 annual reports of Harbor Hills Utilities, LP and/or Aqua Utilities.

from: Nicholson

For example purposes:

LP, exhibit W-4(a) and exhibit W-6(a), to wit:

(a) Total Utility Plant Accounts #304-348 (excluding land and land rights)	\$1,690,762.98
Exhibit W-6(a):	

(b) Depreciation entries for the year, accounts #304-348) \$ 42,634.09 Composite rate = (a) divide by (b) \$ 40 years

REQUIRED AMENDMENT TO THE INTIAL RATE APPLICATION TO ASSURE EQUITY TO RATE PAYERS

and

AVOID UNJUST ENRICHMENT TO HARBOR HILLS UTILITIES L.P. and AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

Year Plant placed in service per Application for initial Rate Base	1989
Anticipated year of acquisition by Aqua	2012
Expired years	23
Composite life of Plant and Equipment	40
Remaining life expectancy	17

REQUIRED AMEMDMENT:

Prohibition of wastewater charges to residential property owners for a period of seventeen years.

The undersigned hereby object to the afore cited application, and request, suggest and demand that said application be denied.

The application should be denied for the following reasons, circumstances and conditions:

Approval of the request for rates and charges for Wastewater services is in violation of and contrary to an existing contractual agreement. (Whether verbal or written this contractual agreement is validated by time and usage over an extended period of years.)

To: Office of Commissions Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission July 20, 2011

When we purchased our lot and contracted for the construction of our single family dwelling in Harbor Hills, one of the enticing features of this particular location was that it would be connected up to the wastewater system and that the charges therefore would be included in our water bill. Developer (same ownership as the Water Utility) voiced no objection and thereby consented thereto by his silence. This circumstance has been uninterruptedly consistent over the past 20 years.

Now comes Harbor Hills Utilities, before you, and asks your approval to levy an additional charge to me the consumer, without my consent or approval.

The levy of this additional charge will impact my property value, in that it will increase the carrying charges to live here. This is being done, unilaterally, without my agreement thereto.

From the date of my residency to present date, it has been the procedure to include wastewater services as part of the Utility services. We had every reason to believe, and in fact did so believe that our water service charges included the charges for wastewater services. Harbor Hills Utilities by its silent uniform course of practice, uninterrupted over more than 20 years, constitutes acknowledgment of this agreement and understanding.

Respectfully signed as rate-payers and consumers served by the above subject Utility.

Robert V. Nicholson

Margaret D. Nicholson

from: Nicholson

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Re: Docket No. 110019-WS

Holland & Knight's (H & K) hand delivered Aqua Utilities Florida Inc. (AUF) response to Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) Staff letter of May 31, 2011 which identified certain deficiencies, and requested additional information in connection with the water and wastewater application in the above referenced docket.

Gentlemen:

This communication consists of four parts:

Part I - AUF Defective Response

Part II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED Part III - CONSEQUENCES OF FLAWED PROJECTIONS

PART IV - NECESSARY ACTION

PART I – AUF Defective Response

The undersigned hereby bring to your attention that the above cited response to Staff letter is vague and unresponsive as to the subject matter set forth as follows:

FPSC Staffs request (per H & K response letter, page 4):

Additional Information

7. Wastewater Revenue Requirements. Please describe in detail the basis used and/or documents relied upon for the annual wastewater growth projection through the year 2014.

July 5, 2011 from: Nicholson

RESPONSE:

The wastewater growth projections are based on data received from the current utility owner, who is also the developer for the service area. The current owner/developer indicated that there is additional territory inside the current development of 88 future homes for water/sewer service. For the projections, it was assumed that these 88 additional new homes (connections) would occur over the next seven years. The proposed initial rates were calculated at 80% buildout out in year six.

8. System Maps. Please provide water and wastewater system maps showing which lots have existing connections and which lots are vacant.

RESPONSE:

The requested system maps indicating the lots and existing connections are appended hereto as Composite Attachment "3".

PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

AUF response to FPSC Staff's request":

Request: "detail the basis used and/or documents relied upon for the annual wastewater growth projection through the year 2014".

Response: Is a recitation that "The wastewater growth projections are based on data received from the current utility owner, who is also the developer for the service area."

This adds no information and no elaboration that is responsive to FPSC Staff's request for additional information. The projection is predicated on economic conditions and data that is now several years old and needs to be updated to consider current economic conditions and Developer's minimum building activity for the past three years.

Examination of the "system maps" further demonstrates that the projection is flawed, in that it is highly improbable if not impossible "that these 88 additional new homes (connections) would occur over the next seven years". None of these "88" additional homes have occurred, and the projection is now into its third year.

Examination of the individual parcels brings to light the high improbability that these 88 additional homes will ever be added to the system.

To: Office of Commissions Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission

July 5, 2011 from: Nicholson

Parcel identified on Lake County Property Appraiser map under Alternate Key 3388674: This parcel is partially paved for boater's vehicles using the adjacent boat ramp. The west side of this parcel is contiguous to the waste water ponds of the waste water utility, and on the east side by a marina and marsh land subject to environmental concerns.

Further this parcel is at a substantially lower elevation as to the treatment plant. Existing residential dwellings at this elevation are not connected to the treatment plant.

To conclude that residential development would be in high or any demand at this location is beyond unrealistic unbridled optimism.

Parcel identified on Lake County Property Appraiser map under Alternate Key 3388691: This parcel is a narrow strip of land which is a berm running at the rear of the houses on the westerly side of Bayview Ave., fronting and contiguous to Griffin View Road. There is not a remote possibility that this parcel could be developed for residential connections.

Parcel identified on Lake County Property Appraiser map under Alternate Key 3388682: This parcel is zoned as "non agricultural" and is platted as commercial. FPSC Staff is left to speculate as to the Utility's calculation of "residential units" pertaining to this parcel!

A question to be answered is: Has the Utility included in its projection an equivalent number of ERC's based on commercial connections?

If such a calculation is included in the projection, then it is contrary to Developer's opinion that this is not possible and not part of Developer's plans.

July 5, 2011 from: Nicholson

Developer has stated in sworn testimony in response to his attorney's questions as to this parcel:

reference: In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Lake County, Florida, Case No: 2010 CA 001095 (pages 110, 111 of transcript)

- "... By Mr. Smith:
- Q. Just to be clear, looking at the governing, the definition of commercial property you alluded to that earlier can you tell me, Mr. Rich, in Harbor Hills, is there any property at all out there that's intended and designed to accommodate retail commercial enterprises at this point? A. Definitely not.
- Q. Has there ever been, to your knowledge? A. Definitely not.
- Q. Now there is some property, 3.2 acres, that may be - that may be zoned commercial. If that ever is intended and designed to accommodate retail spaces, would it then fit the definition as you understand it?
- A. If it was designed. But I would have to leave the state if we did that because this would be commercial property right across the street from somebody's house and that would never be permitted.
- Q. Are there any is there electricity to accommodate retail commercial enterprises? A. No, sir. No, sir,
- Q. Is there water to - A. No, sir.
- Q. to accommodate -
- A. There's just the one water main that runs all along Harbor Hills Boulevard and it doesn't even have an any connections to go through it to the property."

The remaining parcels identified on in AUF response are fully developed and with the exception of one unimproved lot, there is no opportunity for additional residential connections.

July 5, 2011 from: Nicholson

PART III - CONSEQUENCES OF FLAWED PROJECTIONS

Absence of corrected and updated projections would deny the FPSC the opportunity to make the most informed and just decision for all parties concerned.

Projections that are flawed and unrealistic would cause the projected waste water costs to consumers to be grossly understated.

When actual residential connections are determined, AUF will seek extraordinary increases to accommodate the actual per customer costs.

PART IV - NECESSARY ACTION

The undersigned respectfully request and urge FPSC Staff to continue an aggressive pursuit of answers to the questions raised in their above cited deficiency notice.

Respectfully signed as rate-payers and consumers served by the above subject Utility.

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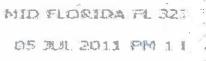
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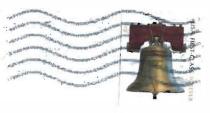
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- Re: Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., and subsequent notices pertinent thereto.
- Public Service Commission letter of June 2, 2011, notice of audit (copy attached).
- Robert V. Nicholson letter of April 25, 2011 to Stephen C. Reilly, Esq., Office of Public Counsel, (copy attached).

Dear Sir:

I respectfully suggest, and formally request that the scope of your audit as set forth in the attached letter of notice to Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P. take into consideration the facts and circumstances set forth in my letter of April 25, 2011 to the Office of Public Counsel (copy attached).

It is evident that because of the co-mingling of record keeping, conduct of transactions, and bookkeeping procedures, a complete audit cannot take place without examination of the books and records of related and affiliated entities owned or controlled by the same controlling parties.

Respectfully,

Robert V. Nicholson

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Enclosures (2) PSC Letter, notice of audit, June 5, 2011
Nicholson letter to Office of Public Counsel April 25, 2011

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June 2, 2011

Mr. John M. Lihvarcik Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P. 510 Highway 466, Suite 204 Lady Lake, FL 32159

Re: Docket No. 110019-WS; Certificate Transfer; Audit Control No: 11-153-1-3

Dear Mr. Werner:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit, in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Access will be requested to documents and records of the utility and, if necessary, supporting records for affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the utility's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. Ms. Lynn Deamer, the Tallahassee district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Ms. Deamer can be reached at (850) 413-6416. Questions regarding the audit or audit staff should be directed to the district supervisor or myself. My phone number is (850) 413-6946.

The Audit Access to Records rule for each industry states: "In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss the issue with successive levels of supervisors at the Commission until an agreement is reached."

A formal report is expected to be issued for internal Commission use on September 30, 2011. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed on the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,

Clarence J. Prestwood, Chief of Auditing Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis

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April 25, 2011

Stephen C. Reilly, Esq. Associate Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel 111 West Madison St., Room 812 Tallahassee, Florida 32199-1300

Dear Steve:

I bring to your attention what may be a failure of Harbor Hills Utilities, LP to make full disclosure of inter-company transactions with affiliated companies.

Consistently for the years 2010, 2009, 2008 and presumably for all prior years, Harbor Hills Utilities, LP has completed Exhibits E-7 thru E10(a)(b) with the entry "Not Applicable".

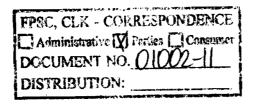
The facts are that Harbor Hills Utilities LP payroll - Management, Administrative and Clerical, payroll taxes, Worker's Compensation Expense, and other payroll expenses; Administration Expenses, Telephone, Office Supplies, Copying, and other office expenses; and substantially all expenses of operating the Utility are paid by Harbor Hills Country Club. These expenses are then charged on a monthly basis to the Harbor Hills Utilities, by journal entry and/or inter-company billing.

Exhibit W-10(a) in accounts # 631 - 636 lists expenses for "Contractual Services ...". It is highly probable that a significant if not all of these expenses were contracted with affiliated entities.

Respectfully,

Robert V. Nicholson

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Ms Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms Cole,

It has come to my attention that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida Inc.

These negoiations were underway for nearly two years, and we were never informed of this proposed sale. Our only notice of it came on January 2011 through PSC notice.

Water is very vital to our health, and our quality of life. We oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- -Transfer of the system to AUF is not in the public interest.
- -We question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.
- -The notice which was provided to us was inaccurate and unclear.

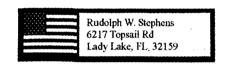
It is my opinion that the reputation and performance of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts and past experience in our state and others. Please do a thorough investigation on their past and present operations in the state of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, Lp certificate to AUF.

Sincerely,

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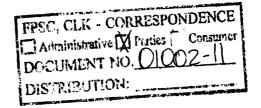
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April 26, 2011

Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



Reference: Docket # 110019-WS, Transfer of utilities from harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities

Dear Ms. Cole,

Please allow me to go on record as opposing the proposed transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities.

I am sure many people have and will express their concerns relative to this transfer. There are very legitimate issues relative to Aqua's abilities to service its existing customers. A continual history of excessive complaints relative to this company is evidence of such.

Aqua is proposing to purchase Harbor Hills Utilities at what is a bargain basement price. Then package that purchase with other utility purchases it has made at much greater rates. While this company is saying it will not raise rates the first two years, it is inconceivable based on what it charges other communities that our rates will not skyrocket after this initial period. It is right to expect price increases however the 200%-300% increases some other Aqua purchased communities have experienced is simply excessive and not right.

The thing that bothers me and many of our residents is that while this transfer has been in the works for over two years, our developer did not relate this to us until this last January. He did have the courtesy to discuss this issue with us or give us the time to find an alternative purchaser or allow us the opportunity to put together a coop for the purpose of running this utility.

We need your help. One of the primary responsibilities of the Florida Public Service Commission is to protect us the consumers. While I can appreciate that it is hard to intercede with a private company transaction, I would suggest that this is what needs to happen here. Aqua needs to learn that it cannot run its business in such a shoddy fashion with such disregard for its existing clients and be successful in doing so. That is simply not the way it should work. The Commission needs to give them this message.

Craig Bloxham

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Resident, Harbor Hills Community

CC: Senator Allen Hays, Representative Marlene O'Toole, D. Bruce May Jr. of Holland and Knight

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To: Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Dear Ms. Cole,

I have been made aware that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF).

While these negotiations, from what I've been told have been taking place for the better part of nearly two years, I was unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through required PSC notice.

Due to the poor reputation of Aqua Water Utilities, both within and outside the state of Florida, not to mention among people who I know personally that have Aqua Utilities for their water service, it seems that it would not be in the best interest of the residents of Harbor Hills.

I am requesting that the Public Service Commission please do a thorough investigation into this matter for the benefit of Harbor Hills residents who would like to continue to receive quality drinking water at reasonable rates.

Sincerely

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March 13, 2011

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Re: Docket No. 110019-WS -Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL, and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and Charges, and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Harbor Hills, living at 5405 grove manor. I can be reached at 352-259-4033 or via email at regw@embarqmail.com. I am strongly opposed to the pending transfer of ownership of the Harbor Hills Utility to Aqua Utilities. The track record of this firm boarders on being criminal. Massive increases, poor service, questionable quality of the water are just a few items. It amazes me that rate increases are approved on a regular basis by the commission with no regard to the product and service delivered, I was under the impression that the commission was supposed to protect the consumer.

We have not even started with this firm and the initial correspondence with them seems to be lacking, either by design or ineptness. The initial letter, copy attached (attachment 1), was delivered in January 2011, it states that any objection must be filed within 30 days of the date identified in the letter. That date was January 7 2010. This of course made it impossible to respond in the allotted time frame. The next letter received on March 10 2011, copy attached (attachment 2), states that any objection must be filed with in 30 days of the date stated in the letter, that date is January 7 2011, once again it would be impossible to object in the time frame indicated as it has already passed prior to the receipt of the notice. Not withstanding all of the other problems associated with this transaction the application should be rejected until AUF presents it's notice to the consumers in a time frame that would allow objections to be made.

This community has suffered from lack of sales, this includes new homes as well as resale's. The developer started a new section just about 3 years ago, to date he has 3 homes sold and finished. Resale's have been just as bad if not worse. Our home values have dropped drastically

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and if you need to sell you can expect a price that is in the range of 60% of the cost of your home. If this sale of the water system is approved, any possibility of selling your house will be severely compromised.

This is a retirement community and as such most residents are on a fixed income, if the anticipated increases in our water rates takes place it will be a burden on everyone. We have a large number of homes either in foreclosure or bank owned now, the result of this sale will only worsen this situation. The developer has stated that 100 or so homes are in arrears on payment of homeowners dues.

I am also concerned about the pending law suits between the Grove and Harbor Hills pertaining to the water that the developer cut off. Will this be settled prior to the sale?

If this sale is approved will the developer still be able to take water from lake Griffin for the golf course, and to sell to certain residential areas as he is doing now.?

I am also wondering what the status of the Harbor Hills Club House will be. It will be serviced by AUF, the anticipated price for that service will be rather high. I assume that we the consumer, would be advised, prior to the sale if an arrangement was made between Harbor Hills and AUF as it pertains to the developers charges for water and waste treatment? Are they required to divulge any type of arrangement?

In closing ,thank you for your attention to this mater. I hope that impact on the consumers involved in this matter is paramount in the decisions of your board. Aqua has a record that is counter productive to a community. I would hate to see this community go under due to the sale of this water utility.

Sincerely
Roger Wendelken

CC

Holland & Knight Att; D.Bruce May Jr. 315 South Calhoun Street Suite 600

Tallahassee, FL 32301

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ATTACHMENT 1

Notice of Application Approval Of Transfer Of Harbor Hills Utility, LP Utilities, L.P. Water System And Amendment Of Certificate In Lake County, Florida

Notice is hereby given on the January 7,2010 pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes of the Application for Approval of Transfer of the Water System of Harbor Hills Utility, LP., in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., (AUF) and Amendment of AUF's Certificate No. 106W. Aqua does not propose to change rates pursuant to this Application. The Harbor Hills Utility, LP. water system provides service to the following described territory in Lake County, Florida:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The following described lands located in portions of Sections 13 & 14, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, and Sections 7 & 18, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, for the POB; thence run North OO"07'21" West, along the East boundary of said Section 12 a distance of 66.62 feet to the centerline of Lake Griffin Road and a point on a curve having a radial bearing of North 27"13'16" West, said curve being concave Northwesterly having a radius of 615.63 feet; thence run Easterly along said centerline an arc distance of 228.02 feet, said arc having a delta of 21"13'18", a tangent distance of 115.33 feet, a chord bearing of North 52"10'04" East and a chord distance of 226.72 feet to a point of tangency; thence run North 41"33'27" East along said centerline a distance of 403.94 feet to apoint of curvature, said curve being concave Northwesterly having a radius of 1730.29 feet; thence run Northeasterly along said centerline an arc distance of ;!40.35 feet, said arc having a delta of 07"57'32", a tangent distance of 120.37 feet, a chord bearing of North 37"34'41" East and a chord distance of 240.16 feet to a point of tangency; thence run North 33"35'55" East along said centerline a distance of 88.27 feet to a point of curvature, said curve being concave Southeasterly having a radius of 234.54 feet; thence run Easterly along said centerline an arc distance of 307.05 feet, said arc having a delta of 75"00'30", a tangent distance of 180.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 71"06'10" East and a chord distance of 285.59 feet to a point of tangency; thence run South 71"23'35" East along said centerline a distance of 606.85 feet to a point of curvature, said curve being concave Northeasterly having a radius of 9 19.44 feet; thence run Easterly along said centerline an arc distance of 249.03 feet, said arc having a delta of 15'3 1'06", a tangent distance of 125.28 feet, a chord bearing of South 79"09'08" East and a chord distance of 248.27 feet to a point of tangency: thence run South 86"54'41" East along said centerline of Lake Griffin Road a distance of 1406.31 feet to the intersection of the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 114 of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 25 East; thence run South OO"O8'17" DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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West along said East line a distance of 72.64 feet to a point on the North boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, thence run North 89"14'04" East along the North boundary of said Section 18 a distance of 207.76 feet, thence run South 09"02'54" West a distance of 1000 feet, thence run Easterly to the waters edge of Lake Griffin to point, said point to be known as Point "A"; return to the Southeast corner of said Section 12 and the point of reference, thence run South 89"40'50" West along the North boundary of the Northeast 114 of said Section 13 a distance of 278.32 feet; thence continue South 89"40'50" West along said line a distance of 2374.36 feet to the North 114 corner of said Section 13; thence run South 89"50'32" West along the North boundary of the Northwest 114 of said Section 13, a distance of 1959.26 feet; thence run South Ol"O5'13" East along the West line of the East 112 of the Northwest 114 of the Northwest 114 of said Section 13 a distance of 1324.76 feet; thence run South 80°50'18" West along the South line of said Northwest 114 of the Northwest 114 of said Section 13 a distance of 329.42 feet; thence run South Ol"15'47" East along the West line of the East 30 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 13 a distance of 1324.85 feet; thence run North 89"50'05" East along the South line of said Southwest 114 of the Northwest 114 of said Section 13, a distance of 986.58 feet to the Southeast corner of said Southwest 114 of the Northwest 114 of said Section 13; thence run South Ol"O7'54" East along the West line of the East 112 of the Southwest 114 of said Section

a distance of 2426.57 feet; thence run South 89"54'49" East a distance of 210.00 feet; thence run South 01'07'54" East a distance of 210.00 feet to the South boundary of said Section 13; thence run North 89"54'49" West along isaid Southerly boundary a distance of 210.00 feet; thence run South OO"18'48" East along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 114 of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, a distance of 2676.64 feet to a point on the East-West midsection

line of said Section 24; thence run South 89'55'50" East along said mid-section line a distance of 663.16 feet; thence run North OO"06'52" West a distance of 669.10 feet; thence run South 89"55'35" East a distance of 665.48 feet; thence run North OO"O5'03" East a distance of

9.04 feet; thence run South 89"55'19" East a distance of 660 feet; thence run North OO"05'03" East a distance of 1997.99 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Section 24; thence run South 89"54'49" East along said North boundary line a distance of 613.85 feet; thence continue Easterly along said line to the waters edge of Lake Griffin; thence Northeasterly along the waters edge to said Point "A".

Any objections to the Application must be made in writing and filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard *Oak* Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, with a copy to D. Bruce May Jr. Holland & Knight, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600, Tallahassee,

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FL 32301 within 30 days from the date of this Notice. The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc

5 10 Highway 466 Lady Lake, FL 32159

Revised Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges

Notice is hereby given on the Lanuary 7, 2004 pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes of the Application for Approval of Application for Approval of Transfer Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., (Aqua); Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges and Amendments of Certificates. AUF is proposing the Commission approve initial wastewater service rates as follows:

Wastewater Rates:	
Residential	
Base Facility Charge:	
All meter sizes	\$ 19.88
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Gallonage Charge:	
Per thousand gallons	\$ 4.91
(gallonage cap of 6,000)	
General Service	
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 19.88
3/4"	\$ 29.83
1"	\$ 49.71
1-1/2"	\$ 99.42
2"	\$ 159.08
3"	\$ 318.16
4"	\$ 497.12
6"	\$ 994.24
8"	\$ 1,590.79
10"	\$ 2,286.76
Gallonage Charge:	
Per thousand gallons	\$ 5.89

The Harbor Hills wastewater system provides service to the following described territory in Lake County, Florida:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

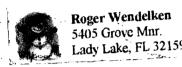
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS LOCATED IN PORTIONS OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, AND SECTIONS 7 & 18, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, FOR THE POB; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°07'21" WEST, ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 12 A DISTANCE OF

66.62 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF LAKE GRIFFIN ROAD AND A POINT ON A CURVE HAVING A RADIAL BEARING OF NORTH 27°13'16" WEST, SAID CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 615.63 FEET: THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 228.02 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A DELTA OF 2113'18", A TANGENT DISTANCE OF 115.33 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 52°10'04" EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 226.72 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY: THENCE RUN NORTH 4133'27" EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 403.94 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE, SAID CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 1730.29 FEET: THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 240.35 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A DELTA OF 07°57'32", A TANGENT DISTANCE OF 120.37 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 37°34'41" EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 240.16 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY: THENCE RUN NORTH 33°35'55" EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 88.27 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE, SAID **CURVE BEING CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 234.54** FEET: THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 307.05 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A DELTA OF 75°00'30", A TANGENT DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 71°06'10" EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 285.59 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY: THENCE RUN SOUTH 71°23'35" EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 606.85 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE. SAID CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 919.44 FEET; THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 249.03 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A DELTA OF 15°31'06", A TANGENT DISTANCE OF 125.28 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 79°09'08" EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 248.27 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 54°48'39" EAST A DISTANCE OF 221.30'; THENCE RUN SOUTH 35°11'21" WEST A DISTANCE OF 2009.33'; THENCE RUN NORTH 51°43'05" WEST A DISTANCE OF 422.00'; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°55'26" WEST A DISTANCE OF 400.37' TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 13: THENCE RUN NORTH 00°04'34" WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 13 A DISTANCE OF 165.41': THENCE RUN NORTH 89°58'35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 526.35'; THENCE RUN NORTH 66°26'23" WEST A DISTANCE OF 357.90'; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°01'25" EAST A DISTANCE OF 634.92' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 12: THENCE RUN NORTH 89°40'50" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 12 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any objections to the Application must be made in writing <u>and filed</u> with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, with a copy to D. Bruce May Jr. Holland & Knight, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 30 days from the date of this Notice. The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 510 Highway 466 Lady Lake, FL 32159



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Dear Ms. Plendl:

04/15/2011

Ms. Eilen Plendl

Senator Bill Nelson, Orlando Office

Please find enclosed constituent correspondence I recently received. Since this involves a state issue, I am respectfully forwarding it for your review. Your review of the issues and direct reply to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Grillo would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the address below.

Thanks in advance,

Rupa Venkatesh Constituent Advocate U.S. Senator Bill Nelson 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410 Orlando, Florida 32801 407-872-7181 407-872-7165 fax

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Dr. Marshall S. and Margra L. Grillo 5239 Grove Manor Lady Lake, Florida 32159 Telephone/Fax 352-75347592 AH 10: " Email: mlgrillo@charter.net March 24, 2011

The Honorable Senator Bill Nelson 716 Hart Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Email:billnelson.senate.gov

Dear Senator Nelson;

Thank you for your concern for the water that is provided to all Floridians. We are attaching the two letters we sent to the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application for the transfer of Harbor Hill's Utilities Water System to Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc.

We hope you will agree with our position that approval of this transfer and the request for wastewater changes are not in the public interest. Aqua Utilities of Florida has an extremely bad record regarding the delivery of and the costs for potable water.

We will appreciate any assistance that you can provide to us regarding this situation.

Sincerely,

Margra L. Grillo

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Attachments: January 29, 2011 letter to the Florida Public Service Commission March 24, 2011 letter to the Florida Public Service Commission

Dr. Marshall S. Grillo and Margra L. Grillo 5239 Grove Manor Lady Lake, Florida 32159 Telephone/Fax 352-753-7591 Email: mlgrillo@charter.net March 24, 2011

Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Regarding: Docket No. 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc. and Amendment Of Certificate in Lake County, Florida and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and Charges and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, Florida.

To: Public Service Commissioners

As the owners of two homes in Harbor Hills, my husband and I wrote a letter to you on January 29, 2011 regarding the notice the Application for Approval of Transfer of the Water System of Harbor Hills Utility, L.P. in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of AUF's Certificate No. 106W. Included in our initial letter were fourteen questions and concerns regarding AUF. Since that time most of our questions have been addressed and we are appalled at the record this company has, not only in Florida but in the other states where they provide water to the citizens. We understand the number of complaints about them that have been submitted to you totals more than all other complaints combined! Approval of the transfer certainly would not be in the public's interest.

We also would like you to consider that the initial proposed wastewater service documentation that was submitted by AUF was flawed and new documents had to be submitted. We question the accuracy of the information in the revised proposal and feel that the Notice that was provided to the Harbor Hills residents was inaccurate and unclear.

Although the planning for the sale took nearly two years, the residents were neither informed nor notified about it until January 2011. If we had been, we could have organized to make an offer to buy it ourselves. The Harbor Hills property owners had a meeting on March 22, 2011 regarding this issue. There were over 500 people in attendance to hear about AUF.

. We are requesting Commission members note our objections to the transfer of the certificate from a utility that has given the community good water and good service to a company that has a record of charging exorbitant rates for delivering poor quality water.

We ask the Public Service Commission to do a thorough investigation of the AUF's past and present operations in Florida before considering the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utility to them. We feel it will show that an approval will not be in the best interests of the public.

Sincerely,

Margra L Grillo

Cc: D. Bruce May, Jr.
Holland & Knight
315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Cc: Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Cc: State Representative Marlene O'Toole 916 Avenida Central The Villages, Florida 32159

Cc: State Senator Alan Hayes 1104 Main Street The Villages, Florida 32159

Cc: U.S. Senator Bill Nelson 716 Hart Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Dr. Marshall S. and Margra L. Grillo 5239 Grove Manor Lady Lake, Florida 32159 Telephone/Fax 352-753-7591

January 29, 2011

Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I own two houses in The Grove at Harbor Hills, and are concerned about the letter we received regarding the selling of Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities Florida.

On January 12, 2011 we received a letter from Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. stating that notice is given that an Application for Approval of Transfer of the Water System of Harbor Hills Utility, L.P. in Lake County, Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of AUF's Certificate No. 106W. This letter notes that any objections to the Application must be filed in writing with your office within 30 days of the notice. This is pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes. **The notice is dated January 7, 2010** We are very concerned that the letter was received a year after the date a reply is due.

We object not only to the lack of accurate detail in sending out such a notice, but to the lack of information from Harbor Hills Utility regarding this request.

We wonder if the fact that Harbor Hills Utilities is a Defendant in a counterclaim suit filed by The Grove at Harbor Hills will affect the proposed sale of the Utility?

The letter states "Aqua does not propose to change rates pursuant to this Application." Does this mean it cannot raise rates, and if that is the case, for what period of time?

Attached is an item that was on the local television station regarding the quality of water distributed by AUF and the ever increasing cost for providing it. We are concerned the same thing will occur in Harbor Hills. You can access the television news item by going to the website listed at the bottom of this attachment.

Our other concerns include:

- Does this transfer refer to potable as well as surface water from Lake Griffin,
- Is the transfer forcesidential services as well as commercial areas of Harbor Hills,

- What experience does AUF have with obtaining, distributing and charging for surface water from a lake
- What experience does AUF have with delivering, potable water to residences and businesses,
- Is AUF governed by the Public Service Commission, if so has it ruled on this transfer request,
- · How many complaints have been filed against AUF by its customers,
- How long has AUF been in business,
- What is the solvency status of AUF,
- What is the AUF's rating with the Better Business Bureaus of the areas it serves,
- How many cities and or towns do they serve,
- · How many golf communities do they serve,
- How many mobile home parks do they serve,
- Has Harbor Hills Utilities looked into alternate companies as potential purchasers,
- Has Harbor Hills looked into alternate solutions other than transferring its assets to another company

If AUF is so lackadaisical about making sure the first correspondence sent to potential customers is correct, by allowing it to be sent out with a date that is inaccurate by over one year, why should we trust it will be accurate and responsible about providing the water that is sent to our homes?

We urge you to deny this request until a full and complete hearing is held so the residents of Harbor Hills can have adequate input and have their questions answered.

Sincerely yours,

Margra L. Grillo

Cc: D. Bruce May Jr.

315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Hublic Service Commission

April 19, 2011

Dr. & Mrs. Marshall S. Grillo 5239 Grove Manor Lady Lake, FL 32159

RE: PSC Inquiry 1004134C

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Grillo:

Senator Nelson's office forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P. (Harbor Hills Utilities) and Aqua Utilities Florida, Incorporated (Aqua Utilities). The PSC regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities throughout Florida, and investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in those counties which have opted to transfer jurisdiction to the PSC.

You expressed a concern about Aqua Utilities' application to transfer Harbor Hills Utilities' water system to Aqua Utilities. We appreciate your comments regarding the application and will add your correspondence to Docket No. 110019-WS.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Hoppe, Director Division of Service, Safety &

Consumer Assistance

Rand Hoppe

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C: The Honorable Bill Nelson

United States Senate

225 East Robinson Street, suite 410

Orlando, FL 32801

Attn: Ms. Rupa Venkatesh

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Marguerite McLean

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PARTIES

From: Marguerite McLean

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:30 PM

To: Ann Cole

Cc: Hong Wang; Dorothy Menasco; Rhonda Hicks; Ruth McHargue; 'pederhong@gmail.com'

Subject: RE: To CLK DOCKET #110019-Response requested

Peder Hong has been added as an interested person in Docket 110019-WS. A copy of this e-mail will be placed in "Docket correspondence - Parties and

Interested Persons."

From: Ann Cole

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:18 PM

To: Marguerite McLean

Cc: Hong Wang; Dorothy Menasco; Rhonda Hicks; Ruth McHargue **Subject:** FW: To CLK DOCKET #110019-Response requested

Hey Marguerite, would you please handle this in Dorothy's absence? Thank you.

From: Rhonda Hicks

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:47 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: FW: To CLK DOCKET #110019-Response requested

See below.

From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:42 PM

To: Rhonda Hicks

Subject: FW: To CLK DOCKET #110019-Response requested

Who does this go to in the Clerk's office.

Thanks, Ruth

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:38 PM

To: Ruth McHarque

Subject: To CLK DOCKET #110019-Response requested

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From: PEDER HONG [mailto:pederhong@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:22 PM

To: Consumer Contact **Subject:** DOCKET #110019

would like qualify as an interested person in this case, assuming that I qualify, and further, assuming there is no initial and/or ongoing fee. I am Peder Hong, 5400 Saddleback Ct., Ladv Lake, Fl. 32159. I am interested as a resident and homeowner in Harbor Hills served by the Harbor Hills Unitlity. My telephone number is 352-391-9097. Please advise., Thank you.

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Diamond Williams

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From:

Matilda Sanders

Sent:

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:44 PM

To:

'stantwo@aol.com'

Cc:

Marguerite McLean; Diamond Williams

Subject:

FW: Docket # 110019-WS

Attachments: letter about water rates.wps

Mr. Stiffler,

I left you a voice mail. The letter you attached to the efiling must be in either of the following: Adobe .PDF

1. Native word processing format (e.g., Word)

We cannot accept .wps filing. Can you please refile your letter?

If you have any questions call.

Matilda Sanders, Commission Deputy Clerk Office of Commission Clerk 850-413-6770

From: Stanley J. Stiffler [mailto:stantwo@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:51 PM

To: Filings@psc.state.fl.us **Subject:** Docket # 110019-WS

To whom it may concern,

Re: Docket # 110019-WS

Please find attached my written objection of the Revised Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Changes between Harbor Hills Utilities, LP and Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc.

Will you please file this with your office? Thank you,

Sincerely,

/S/ Stanley J Stiffler 38704 Oak Place Court Lady Lake, Florida 32159

Ph 352-750-0884

email: Stantwo@aol.com

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Administrative Parties Consumer

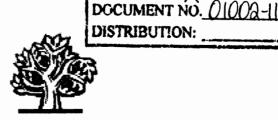
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Florida Public Services Commission;

I want to strongly protest the transfer of the of the Harbor Hills Utilities potiable and waste water certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida.

My reasons are: The prior reputation for poor service.

History of unwarrented price increases.

Lack of customer confidence.

As homeowners we were never informed of this transfer until it was a "done deal". We the home owners have contacted a number of current customers of Aqua Utilities and have heard nothing but horror storys about price increases and poor quality with no customer support. We have also seen the television investigative reports that bear out these stories. If this company, Aqua Utilities has such a bad reputation, I find it impossiable to believe that you as a commission serving us, the public, would add our 500+ homes to their list of unhappy Florida tax paying residents.

Sincerely



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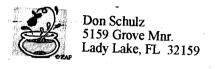
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Dear Ms. Cole

Please let this letter serve as a formal protest to the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities potable and waste water certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida (AUF).

Water is a critical element to any community and I oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- 1) The transfer of the water system is not in the best public interest.
- 2) Homeowners were not informed of this transfer until it was a "done deal"
- 3) AUF has a history of ridiculous unwarranted price increases
- 4) AUF has a reputation for poor service
- 5) AUF has a history of poor water quality
- 6) AUF has a total lack of customer confidence
- 7) AUF's televised investigative reports confirm the above reasons

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I find it hard to believe our officials in Tallahassee could allow a company like this get away with treating the State of Florida's voters in this manner.

I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of AUF's past and present operations in the State of Florida prior to any transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate.

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Dear Public Service Commission Commissioners:

My name is John Skoglund and I live at 6141 Landings Blvd., Lady Lake, in the Harbor Hills community in Lake County. I was informed by letter of the proposed transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities L.P. to Aqua Utilities Florida by the purchaser in January 2011 in a notice required by the Public Service Commission. I would become both a water and wastewater customer. I have spent numerous hours reading document filings, letters, the Annual Report of Aqua America, the parent company of Aqua Utilities of Florida, viewing the January 28th 2011 news report on WFLTV Channel 9, reading a position paper by Food & Water Watch about Aqua America, paying close attention to the section in the report about Aqua America's dealings in Florida, and the Public Service Commission's response to Aqua's requests. Lastly I have talked to people who have had loved ones who are customers and the dealings they have had with Aqua. After all the "data" collecting, I have come to the conclusion IT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC'S BEST INTEREST TO TRANSFER THE PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES TO SUPPLY WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES from Harbor Hills Utilities L.P. to Aqua Utilities Florida.

In reading Mr. May's supplied response to Public Service Commission statement, "....Staff identified certain deficiencies and requested additional information related to the water and wastewater applications in the referenced docket", I am concerned with some of the responses provided. What is troubling to me is that the sale of the Utility has purported to have been in negotiation on and off for approximately two years and yet the filing with the Public Service Commission for transfer of assets and operations seemed to be rushed and was incomplete.. When providing the requested additional information, Mr. May uses responses to some questions on deficiencies that something was "inadvertently" left in the agreement from a prior draft, something was "inadvertently" left out, or notices "inadvertently" contained a typographical error. Is this just another example of how the Purchaser's does business? I assume(maybe incorrectly) that Aqua Utilities Florida and Holland & Knight have either individually or together have submitted applications to the Public Service Commission before. I would have thought that a legal document such as this would not necessitate the number of additions an/or corrections that seem to be needed.

Secondly, I have read and reread with great interest the section on wastewater service and Mr. May's response. I believe the projections Mr. May offers are based on flawed data that leads to inaccurate

assumptions and ultimately inflated initial wastewater treatment rates requested. Assuming that the total of 55 wastewater customers is accurate, 54 are homeowners and one LARGE user is the Harbor Hill Country Club Clubhouse. If not that, then to use Mr. May's terminology, the Country Club Clubhouse was "inadvertently" left out as a significant discharge creator. Either way the Clubhouse is a large generator of wastewater. This is a facility that has two locker rooms complete with showers, toilets, whirlpools, etc. The clubhouse also has both a large food preparation area to serve large parties in two dining rooms on the main floor and also a smaller "grill" that serves various meal offerings twothree times a day on the lower floor along with the locker rooms and exterior bathrooms with showers for the swimming pool users. Restrooms are on both levels to be used by the general public and staff working in the Clubhouse. To my knowledge, neither the Clubhouse or any individual home has ever been metered to measure wastewater. If one wanted to arrive at a realistic figure to develop initial rates at the very minimum a meter should be placed on the Clubhouse for a prescribed period of time to develop realistic average monthly discharge amount. After arriving at that figure, it could be multiplied by 12 to arrive at the yearly amount that the Clubhouse contributed and then it should be subtracted from the total gallon figure that Mr. May refers to as totally homeowner usage(but really a combination of homeowner and clubhouse usage) to provide valid usage by the collective homeowners. It is THAT reduced, new homeowner figure, that then can be used in the rest of the calculations to establish "reached capacity" of the system and also provide the initial wastewater rate. It would also allow AUF to establish a reasonable rate for the Clubhouse based on its usage. Mr. May's existing proposal is flawed because it doesn't reflect the unequal discharge amounts between the average homeowner and the Clubhouse. The Sunrise II section which has the majority of the houses and condominiums, along with the ten condominium units originally built about the same time as the Clubhouse are located between the Clubhouse and the treatment facility. I believe the Sunrise II section(of which I'm a resident) was required to connect to the sewer system because a previous developer got a Federally backed loan to build this section. Our lots are smaller than the average lot in Harbor Hills and probably would not have the square footage to support a septic tank and drain field even with the smaller houses and condominiums that are present. Many of the houses and units in this section are occupied by seasonal residents and seasonal rental users who would not be generating the wastewater discharge in the amount projected by Mr. May's figures. This last additional information adds more credibility to the idea that the Clubhouse is a major contributor to that large discharge figure with which Mr. May begins his calculations. Using this "broad brush" calculation procedure would burden the homeowners with a higher per gallon charge of \$6.42 that is being proposed. Coupled with this projected overcharge, the biggest user, the Clubhouse owned and operated by the seller of the water utility, would benefit greatly(along with the purchaser, Aqua) with rates not proportionate to its greater usage. Even with these same rates for the Developer's Clubhouse as those of the homeowner, the Developer would still be paying less than he typically would on a "tiered" structure based on usage and the homeowners are "saddled" with inflated initial wastewater rates, subsidizing the Developer's business. It is also this inflated figure from which Aqua Utilities Florida would continue to request higher and higher rate increases in the future. Thirdly, I am unaware of any section in development or projected to be developed by 2014 close to the treatment facility or the general pattern of the existing piping infrastructure where a connection could be made that would support the new customer projections. There is a smaller section of vacant land at the north entrance to the Harbor Hills community that is contiguous to the existing wastewater piping system that could be used for future additions that Mr. May talks about. The reality is this parcel would not bring the Developer much profit because of the type of units he would build. He has much more desirable land in Harbor Hills available that would garner him more profit. It is my belief that this is one time where the provided "projections" are without merit and useless.

Commissioners, it is a well known fact by yourselves and the customers of Aqua Utilities Florida that

Aqua Utilities Florida has had numerous violations and complaints filed with the Commission. The Commission has in the past and continues to address the inadequate service being provided customers, and dealing with the poor, and many times totally unacceptable, water quality being provided by the Aqua Company. Many areas that Aqua Florida serve, people are trying to or have succeeded in severing their contract relationship with Aqua because of its inability to provide an acceptable product with reasonable service at an affordable cost. Unfortunately, far too many people were unaware of the practices Aqua engages in and now are unable to undo what has been done. This current request by Aqua is at a point where evidence clearly exists that the transfer of water and wastewater operating certificates to Aqua Utilities Florida from Harbor Hills Utilities L.P. SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. One more group of citizens should not be subjected to Aqua Utilities Florida and their business model. It is time to "close the door" on any further expansion of Aqua Utilities Florida in this State. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful consideration of my comments and concerns. I apologize for the length of this communication, but what I have shared needed to be said.

John A. Skoglund

cc. D. Bruce May, Jr.
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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you about an urgent matter concerning the citizens of Harbor Hills in Lady Lake, Subject Docket No.110019-WS - which involves the transfer sale of Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities Florida. We have not had the opportunity to challenge or have the option to negotiate with our current utilities to find a solution for new ownership with other area utilities. Aqua Utilities Florida has a history of rate increases with current customers throughout Florida and other parts of the country. Rate increases are two to three times higher and are detrimental to consumers some paying as much as \$400.00 a month for water and sewage, almost a third of a mortgage. Records also indicate a lack of maintaining good water quality improper maintenance of drinking and sewerage pipe systems.

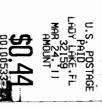
The last thing We need is another Tax increase.

Your assistance in this matter is urgently requested.

Sincerely, The Lenoci Family 5343 Sandy Hill Lane Harbor Hills, Lady Lake

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As homeowners in Harbor Hills we oppose this transfer of utilities for the following reasons:

- -Good water is vital to our health and to our quality of life in this community
- -The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest their interest is only monetary.
- -The notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear and we question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.

As a group of homeowners in Harbor Hills we have investigated Agua Utilities Florida, Inc. and have found that other water systems in the state are having poor water, high rates and overall bad performance. Even in other states that this water company provides for.

We request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the state of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities LP to Agua Utilities Florida, Inc.

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Re: Revised Notice of Application by Aqua Utilities (copy attached)

To: Whom it concerns:

As a resident of Harbor Hills, I am submitting my second objection to the Application for Approval of Transfer of the Water System of Harbor Hills Utility, LP. to Aqua Utilities of Florida. I am very unclear as to what the enclosed document represents. It is undated. It is titled:

"Revised Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges"

On the surface, one could interpret this document to cover both the water utility and the wastewater system. The rate schedule in the document appears to cover (in the first part) wastewater charges and (in the second part) potable water. The seller of Harbor Hills Utility, LP, Michael Rich, in an email to the community (copy enclosed) claims that Aqua has not "put in for a rate increase on Potable water". Either my reading of the document is wrong or Mr. Rich is wrong.

This needs immediate clarification because if my reading is correct Aqua intends to bill the users \$5.89 per thousand gallons of water. That amounts to an increase of \$4.66 per thousand gallons over our current rate of \$1.23 per thousand gallons. Using my water consumption from 2009 this rate increase would require me to pay \$1,574.99 for the same amount of water that I paid \$328.90 in 2009 – an increase of more than 370%!

The particulars of my objections are:

- 1. Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has a horrible reputation in Florida and other states of buying small, well managed utilities and rapidly turning them into cash cows by increasing rates and reducing quality of service. The transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities water utility is clearly not in the public interest.
- 2. The Revised Notice is unclear as to what Aqua's intent is on potable water pricing.

The following comments are from my original objection to the transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities water certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida:

- The Original Notice said that Aqua doe not propose to change rates pursuant to the Application but it offered no comfort that Aqua will not make an application to raise rates immediately after the Application is approved. Research shows that Aqua rates in neighboring communities are 3 to 6 times as high as the current rates charged by Harbor Hills Utilities.
- The Grove at Harbor Hills has an account with Harbor Hills Utilities. The Grove has
 repeatedly asked Harbor Hills Utilities to send the invoice for consumption to its property
 manager to no avail. I want to be sure that Aqua Utilities has the capability to properly
 bill its consumers.
- 3. In May 2010 Harbor Hills Utilities trespassed on Grove property and destroyed irrigation lines, causing serious damage to landscape owned by The Grove. The Grove has filed a claim for damages to its landscape in the Lake County courts. Has HH Utilities disclosed this? Will Aqua assume responsibility for this damage! No responsibility is noted in the Application!
- 4. In a public meeting, Mr. Rich of Harbor Hills Utilities said that he will maintain control over surface water distribution within the Harbor Hills Community. Has there been any filing with the Commission to establish rates for this surface water from Lake Griffin? If not, that is the Commission's position on surface water rates?

Until answers are provided to the above issues, I believe the Commission would be derelict is approving the transfer of selected Harbor Hills Utilities operations to Aqua Utilities.

Ernest T. Pelikan

Cc: D. Bruce May Jr. Holland & Knight

315 South Calhoun Street Suite 600

Tallassee, FL 32301

Revised Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges

Notice is hereby given on the January 7, 2011 pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes of the Application for Approval of Application for Approval of Transfer Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., (Aqua); Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges and Amendments of Certificates. AUF is proposing the Commission approve initial wastewater service rates as follows:

Wastewater Rates: Residential Base Facility Charge: All meter sizes	\$ 19.88	
Gallonage Charge:		
Per thousand gallons	\$ 4.91	
(gallonage cap of 6,000)		
General Service		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 19.88	
3/4"	\$ 29.83	
1"	\$ 49.71	
1-1/2"	\$ 99.42	
2"	\$ 159.08	
3"	\$ 318.16	
4"	\$ 497.12	
6"	\$ 994.24	
8"	\$ 1,590.79	
10"	\$ 2,286.76	
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Per thousand gallons	\$ 5.89	

The Harbor Hills wastewater system provides service to the following described territory in Lake County, Florida:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS LOCATED IN PORTIONS OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, AND SECTIONS 7 & 18, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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Reply To:

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As a general rule I do not reply to inaccurate information but the email below insinuates that Aqua Utilities of Florida has put in for a rate increase on Potable water (drinking or irrigation water from our wells.)

Aqua has put in for an Initial Rate for existing Wastewater treatment for the 55 homes that are connected to our Sewage Treatment Plant that do not pay anything to use that service.

Wastewater as defined by Wikipedia is:

Wastewater is any water that has been adversely affected in quality by anthropogenic influence. It comprises liquid waste discharged by domestic residences, commercial properties, industry, and/or agriculture and can encompass a wide range of potential contaminants and concentrations. ...

Websters Dictionary defines wastewater as water that has been used (as in a manufacturing process):

Aqua has not applied for a Rate Increase on Potable Water only Wastewater.

If you all would look at the notice you received it applies to Waste water only. For those of you that have septic tanks this is not applicable

As far as Customer Service please refer to the link below it is a report of Phase II monitoring done by Aqua Utilities of Florida for June 2010 as to their customer service requests

I hope this clears up any misinformation.

At the Next Unity Meeting on March 31st we will present our position on the Aqua sale. We hope to have a representative from Aqua present at that meeting. That meeting will be open only to Harbor Hills residents.

Standard rules of decorum will apply.

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Any objections to the Application must be made in writing and filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, with a copy to D. Bruce May Jr. Holland & Knight, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 30 days from the date of this Notice. The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.

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Almost ALL Harbor Hills residents oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

Good, clean water is vital to our health and Aqua Florida's reputation for NOT delivering clean, drinkable water is well known.

Aqua Florida is also well known for their constant request for rate increases that have resulted in increases in areas they serve by as much as 500% while the quality of the water declined to "undrinkable" status.

The negotiations to sell Harbor Hills Utilities were under way for nearly two years, but the residents were unaware of this proposed sale. We only learned of it in January, 2011 through required PSC notice.

Transfer of the water system to Aqua Florida is definitly not in the public interest.

I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.

The Notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear.

The reputation and performance record of Aqua Florida is highly questionable based on past experience in Florida and other states. I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to them.

Sincerely,

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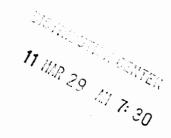
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Ms. Cole:

As twelve-year residents of Harbor Hills, Lake County, my wife and I recently received notification that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are in the process of being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF).

We do not dispute the right of the developer to sell his property. However, we have sincere concerns about the great likelihood of this sale's negative impact on the quality of our water and current lifestyle. Therefore, we strongly oppose this transfer. We further understand that the consummation of this sale is contingent upon AUF receiving approval from the Florida Public Service Commission. Ms. Cole, it is often said, "past history is the best predictor of future behavior". With these words in mind, we offer a few of many, alleged allegations that have appeared within the public domain over the past few months:

- FlowFlorida.com reports that Aqua has been at the center of controversy in recent years over a series of rate increase requests. Residents have complained the rates are unjustified and unaffordable and have criticized Aqua's documented poor customer service record.
- March 21, 2011: U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, FL, jumped into the debate over Aqua Utilities' proposed rate increase for 117,000 Aqua Utilities customers that is pending before the Florida Public Service Commission. Nelson complained about the rate increase in a letter to PSC Chairman Art Graham. (Nelson's request is similar to a resolution approved last November by the Polk County Commission asking PSC members to delay or reduce the rate increase.)
- February 18, 2011: WFTV (CH 9) reported, "Dozens of Lake County residents are fighting
 to keep a controversial company out of their water supply. Aqua Utilities wants the state to
 approve its purchase of a company that served 700 people near Lady Lake."
- January 28, 2011: WFTV (CH 9) reported, "A troubled water company is causing more
 problems Friday. Some homeowners in Lake County told WFTV that their bills are so high,
 and their water is so dirty, that they're digging their own wells."

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- July 28, 2010, WFTV (CH 9) reported, "This is one of the most unexplainable water bills WFTV has ever seen. A Mims woman uses so little water that her bills are usually only \$15 per month. Now, out of nowhere, her bill jumped to more than \$300, and she says she's not using any more water." [Customer], "says she can't drink the water from her faucet, she doesn't water her lawn, and she uses only paper plates."

 Aqua Utilities has faced problems in other areas, as well. WFTV covered numerous complaints about water quality in Chuluota in Seminole County. Last year, the state rated Chuluota's water system as unsatisfactory and, earlier this year, the state ordered Aqua Utilities to monitor water quality for the rest of the year at several other sites.
- August 2, 2010, WFTV (CH 9) reported, CENTRAL FLORIDA -- Another customer told WFTV Monday that Aqua Utilities overcharged her hundreds of dollars. It's one of several complaints that have come in to WFTV. Except this time, her son-in-law installed a second water meter and now the two don't match up. WFTV confronted state regulators who are supposed to be tracking the accuracy of Aqua's meters. At 94 years old, [Customer] doesn't see too well, but the charges on her latest water bill from Aqua Utilities were hard to miss. "I thought it was a joke." She was charged \$560 for more than 30,000 gallons of water at her small duplex near Lake Placid. "Is there any way you used 30,000 gallons of water last month?" WFTV reporter Eric Rasmussen asked. "That would be impossible. I used the same amount as every month," she said.
- March 16, 2010, Tallahassee, Fla.—Kicking off a coordinated effort to improve water service for millions of Floridians, FLOW Florida, a coalition of community groups from 19 counties around the state, and the consumer advocacy group Food & Water Watch, spoke out against the private water provider Aqua Utilities Florida (Aqua). Standing before the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC), residents representing Aqua customers in Pasco, Polk, Seminole, Volusia and the other 15 counties where Aqua operates, spoke of the smelly, often undrinkable water, exorbitant rates, and unresolved customer issues suffered under the company's service.

Florida is not the only state showing alleged issues of concern:

According to reports, Aqua America, Aqua Utilities Florida's parent company, has also come under attack in recent years, with many of its other systems such as those in New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas facing service problems similar to those in Florida. The city of Fort Wayne, Indiana—after experiencing yellow water and soaring bills, moved in 2009 to cancel its contract with Aqua America, and restore its water to public control.

August, 2010: United States Senator Charles E. Schume, called for the General
Accountability Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, to examine Aqua America,
Inc.'s continued eligibility to receive federal funds, citing questionable business practices of
its New York subsidiary, Aqua New York, and a recent report by Food and Water Watch that
raised concerns about the company's aggressive strategy to raise consumer water rates.

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Ms. Cole, as stated previously, we strongly oppose this transfer. The prior alleged critical issues along with others—demand that we, as concerned residents of Harbor Hills, Lake County, not ignore this most important matter. Therefore, we request that the Florida Public Service Commission conduct a thorough investigation of the past and present operations of AUF in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Respectfully,

Jack L. Hayes

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Cc:

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To: Public Service Commissioners

As the owners of two homes in Harbor Hills, my husband and I wrote a letter to you on January 29, 2011 regarding the notice the Application for Approval of Transfer of the Water System of Harbor Hills Utility, L.P. in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of AUF's Certificate No. 106W. Included in our initial letter were fourteen questions and concerns regarding AUF. Since that time most of our questions have been addressed and we are appalled at the record this company has, not only in Florida but in the other states where they provide water to the citizens. We understand the number of complaints about them that have been submitted to you totals more than all other complaints combined! Approval of the transfer certainly would not be in the public's interest.

We also would like you to consider that the initial proposed wastewater service documentation that was submitted by AUF was flawed and new documents had to be submitted. We question the accuracy of the information in the revised proposal and feel that the Notice that was provided to the Harbor Hills residents was inaccurate and unclear.

Although the planning for the sale took nearly two years, the residents were neither informed nor notified about it until January 2011. If we had been, we could have organized to make an offer to buy it ourselves. The Harbor Hills property owners had a meeting on March 22, 2011 regarding this issue. There were over 500 people in attendance to hear about AUF.

. We are requesting Commission members note our objections to the transfer of the certificate from a utility that has given the community good water and good service to a company that has a record of charging exorbitant rates for delivering poor quality water.

We ask the Public Service Commission to do a thorough investigation of the AUF's past and present operations in Florida before considering the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utility to them. We feel it will show that an approval will not be in the best interests of the public.

Sincerely,

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I oppose the transfer for the following reasons.

1. I am assuming the way the application reads, all potable water usage rates are tied to the wastewater treatment of that water. All properties would be charged for wastewater treatment even though most do not use the treatment facility.

Only the country club and less than 10% of the 500 plus properties in Harbor Hills are connected to the wastewater treatment plant. All properties use Harbor Hills potable water, but the wastewater is connected to individual septic systems.

- 2. Aqua Utilities FL. has a very poor reputation and performance record in Florida and other States. They are in the business of providing questionable quality and charging exorbitant rates. The Public Service Commission must do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to Aqua Utilities.
- 3. The Developer of Harbor Hills does not have the best interests of Florida or Harbor Hills in mind in the sale of the Harbor Hills Utilities to out of state corporate interests.

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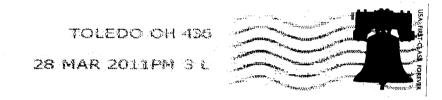
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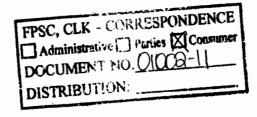
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To the Public Service Commission of Florida:

Aqua Utilities Florida (AUF) is attempting to take over Harbor Hills Utilities LP (HHU). Based on the reputation of AUF in this state and other states, it is impossible to believe that this takeover is in the public interest.

I urge the PSC to review the complaints that have been lodged with the PSC about poor service, bad water, botched billing and exorbitant rates (or rate increases) that have occurred under AUF management. If you determine that these complaints are legitimate, you will see that AUF has long history of abuse of its customers and its monopoly position. Then with a straight face, please tell us how allowing the transfer of ownership of HHU to AUF can be in the best interests of the public that you are sworn to serve.

If past behavior is the best indicator of future behavior, then AUF will be a bad provider and a worse corporate citizen than Florida residents should have to endure. Past bad behavior is well documented in the complaints that the PSC has already received. I believe that there is no indication that AUF will change its corporate culture of price gouging and shoddy service. Unless the PSC can provide the public with any assurances that AUF will change its behavior, this transfer can not possibly be considered to be in the best interests of the public.

Respectfully,

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Dear Ms. Cole:

With regard to the above referenced docket, we, as customers of Harbor Hills Utilities (HHU) ask that Florida Public Services Commission take the following items into consideration prior to granting an approval of transfer of HHU to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc(AUFI):

- 1. Verifiable reports of the unsatisfactory reputation, performance and response to customers by AUFI bring into question their ability to operate a utility in a safe manner.
- 2. AUFI's practice of imposing a \$50 per month facility charge even when its customers don't use a drop of water is simply price gouging. Has anyone asked them to justify this charge? If its purpose is to make money to pay dividends, the Public Services Commission must protect the consumer, and ensure that the dividends are not being raised with the burden resting unreasonably on the back of the customers.
- 3. The Public Services Commission must take into consideration the fact that if the transfer of water certificate is approved, we become a captive consumer we have no choice. We can't simply go across town and buy from another vendor. We are trapped. Therefore we ask that the Public Services Commission carefully examine the qualifications and reputation of AUFI prior to approving this transfer.

At the very least, please consider a moratorium on the transfer of

the certificate until the quality of service, the investigation of the number and type of complaints, and the billing practices of AUFI have been fully researched.

You may question why these concerns are raised at such a late date. Although the sale has been in negotiations for about two years, we have just recently learned about them.

If the Florida Public Service Commission is correctly named, then it has an obligation to protect the Public. Transfer of this certificate to AUFI is a major act which will have major consequences for the Florida citizens of the Harbor Hills community. Please keep this foremost in your decision-making process.

Thank you. >

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Kenneth and Virginia Merrill

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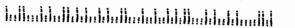
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While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through required PSC notice.

Water is vital to our health and quality of life here in Harbor Hills. We oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- AUF has a very poor record of service and quality of water supplied to communities they are now servicing. Of all the water companies in Florida, over 70% of the complaints received were against AUF
- The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest.
- History of unwarranted price increases. Channel 9 TV even did an expose on the practices and exorbitant price increases AUF impose on a new community they took over.
- The Notice, which was provided to the residents, was inaccurate and unclear.

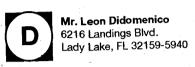
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Dear Ms Anne Cole,

I understand that the systems (water and wastewater) of Harbor Hills Utilities are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida Inc. I learned of this thru the required PSC notice in January 2011, although apparently negotiations had been going on for nearly two years.

After researching the activity of Aqua Utilities in Florida and other States I believe that the transfer is not in the interests of the residents of Harbor Hills in which my wife and I reside. Therefore I request that the PSC do a thorough investigation of this company prior to the transfer of The Harbor Hills Utilities LP certificate to them.

Apart from anything else, the notice I received was both unclear and inaccurate. In addition, I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate. In conclusion, in view of the above, I doubt whether the transfer of the water system is in the <u>public</u> interest.

Yours sincerely, fuiltan

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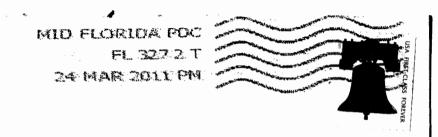
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Dear Commissioner Edgar,

We are writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny AQUA Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for a transfer of the waste-water certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities pursuant to Docket No. 110019-WS, as it is not in the best interest of the public and, in particular, your constituents. Despite AQUA's assertions in its application, "The proposed acquisition would place the water and wastewater operations of the Harbor Hills water and wastewater system in the hands of an experienced company and industry leader whose sole focus in the provision of high quality water and wastewater service at reasonable prices." AQUA's track record is contrary to this. The horror stories of ever-increasing, excessive rates, billing nightmares, poor water quality, and inadequate service, abound throughout AQUA's service areas to include Florida. Chuluota, Seminole County is experiencing, on average, 3 times the cost for water and sewage that nearby Oviedo is paying. Seminole County is working to purchase back the system from AQUA, but has not agreed to a valuation as yet. AQUA is saying that the value is about 4 times the valuation specified by Seminole County. The residents of Harbor Hills do not want to be faced with this situation. Additionally, AQUA is responsible for the great majority of complaints to the PSC by consumers, and they have also been fined for their billing problems. We, along with my neighbors, your constituents, urge you to ensure that Aqua's request for the transfer of the certificate be denied.

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CHAIRMAN GRAHAM

Dear Mr. Graham,

I have been advised that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF).

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through an undated required PSC notice.

Not only because water is vital to our health, but also to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills, I strongly oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

• The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest.

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- I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.
- The Notices which were provided to the residents were inaccurate, unclear and undated.
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a substantially poor track record throughout the state
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., accounts for a disproportionate number of complaints to your own office
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of seeking, and getting, frequent and unsubstantiated rate
 increases purportedly to expand and enhance product and service WITHOUT subsequently doing so
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of providing technically potable water of far less than desirable quality
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of profiteering at the expense of its customer base
- I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States.

I request that the Public Service Commission postpone any and all decisions relating to the transfer of certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities, LP., to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

I further request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of Aqua Utilities Florida., Inc's past and present operations and business practices in the State of Florida prior to considering the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

I await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Ellen B Wilcox

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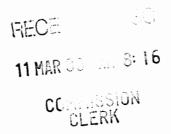
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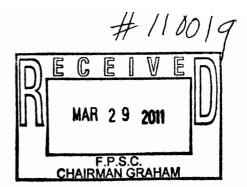
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Mr. Art Graham, Chair Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Graham,

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While these negotiations were underway for the better part of two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through an undated required PSC notice.

Water is vital to our health and to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills. We strongly oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest.
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a substantially poor track record throughout the state.
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., accounts for a disproportionate number of complaints to your office.
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- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of providing potable water of far less than desirable quality.
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of profiteering at the expense of its customer base.
- We believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States.
- See website <u>www.foodandwaterwatch.org</u> for a report on AUF's parent company, Aqua America.

We request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of Aqua Utilities Florida., Inc's past and present operations and business practices in the State of Florida prior to considering the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

We await your response.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms Cole

It is my understanding that the water and wastewater systems of my community, Harbor Hills, in Lady Lake, Florida, in Lake County, is being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

I now understand that the negotiations have been going on for almost 2 years! Myself and my fellow Harbor Hills residents were NOT told of this proposed sale of our Harbor Hills Utilities by our Developer, and only learned about it in January of 2011, through required Public Service Commission Notice.

I have been a resident of Harbor Hills for over 6 years and I OPPOSE this transfer of our Utilities to Aqua Utilities for many reasons and on many levels, but I will name what I feel are the most important reasons:

Aqua Utilities has a <u>questionable reputation and performance</u> record based on FACTS of past experience in the State of Florida and other States.

The transfer of our water system to Aqua Utilities is not in the best interest of Harbor Hills residents or to the public in general.

The Notice I received in the mail from Aqua Utilities was inaccurate and unclear.

I do not think the "proposed" wastewater "documentation" is accurate.

I feel that quality of water is essential to myself and my neighbors in Harbor Hills and believe a company like Aqua Utilities with their poor reputation, will compromise the quality of our water and our lives here.

I am asking that the Public Service Commission investigate thoroughly, past and present Aqua Utilities operations in the State of Florida before transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP Certificate to them.

Myself, the residents of Harbor Hills and the citizens of Florida, rely on the Public Service Commission to look out for OUR best interests, so I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Tricia Colevards

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- The Notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Cole,

The FPSC must not allow Aqua Utilities to take over Harbor Hills Utilities because it may harm my family's ability to live out our retirement in good health and may even force us out of our home.

Aqua has proven itself to be a rapacious corporation who do not give a hoot about its customers. Their behavior is totally despicable through a history of forcing-up rates and causing many of their most vulnerable customers to lose their homes. Moreover, Aqua

has a track record of providing sub-standard water quality in many of their systems and doing nothing about these problems.

The FPSC must withstand the political pressure by our elected officials and do the right thing for us. Yes...withstand the pressure and be responsible to Florida voters, rather than the pols who potentially may be influenced by campaign contributions and other perqs from Aqua.

Yours truly,

Barry and Judith Pressman

Cc:

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Dear Ms. Cole:

I am writing regarding my concerns over pending actions regarding:
Docket # 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.
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Water System (etc) to Aqua, and relative certificate amendment
(etc).

The Harbor Hills Administration has concealed this effort from the many homeowners in the subdivision for roughly two years. It is fortunate that required publication and media coverage exposed it.

As a retired Harbor Hills homeowner and as past Licensed Professional Engineer (Illinois), I have explored information available about the proposed Aqua organization. This leads me to oppose this as <u>the transfer is not in the public interest because:</u>

- > Aqua has a bad quality record in Florida ranging from contamination Health issues and to terrible Customer Service.
- > The data suggests Aqua has more performance issues than all other Florida Water service Companies combined.
- Aqua's predatory and legislated monopolistic pricing opportunities appear to have been often used unfairly.

The data is available, not only in media coverage, but also in data bases that need Commission investigation prior to any certificate transfer.

Sincerely

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meckley 5200 Grove Manor Lady Lake, FL 32159

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Dear Ms. Cole,

I have been advised that the water (and waste water) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities of Florida, Inc (AUF).

Since these negotiations were underway for the better part of two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale until January of 2011 when we received the required PSC notice long after the fact.

Because water is a vital necessity, and greatly affects the quality of life for its consumers we oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- The transfer of the water system is not in the best interest of the public.
- The service documentation is questionable, if at all accurate.
- The notice received by the residents was inaccurate and unclear.

We believe reputation and performance record of AUF if highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other states. We request that The Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of past and present operations in the state of Florida prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to AUF.

CC: Bruce May Jr. Holland & Knight

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Dear Ms. Cole:

I have been informed that the water and wastewater systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF). While these negotiations were underway for almost two years, many property owners in Harbor Hills were unaware of the proposed sale, and only learned of it recently through our Developer. AUF sent a letter to Harbor Hills property owners, which I received on March 11, summarizing the PSC notice. The letter itself was not dated nor was there any postmark on the mailing envelope, yet it stated that we had only 30 days from January 7, 2011 (date of notice) to provide our comments.

As one many property owner in Harbor Hills, I strongly object to this transfer for the following reasons:

- This transfer of the water systems to AUF is not in the public interest. We have a good water system and pay reasonable rates currently. Based on media reports that I have seen and read in the past month the reputation and business practices of AUF in other areas of Florida are highly questionable. Why would we want to have this entity take over our water system given these concerns over prospective rate increases and deterioration in quality service and product? The public interest will not be served if this transfer is approved.
- In the Harbor Hills Community, dozens of homes are currently on the market as a result of very slow sales, bank foreclosures, vacated properties, etc. Property values have plunged to around 50-60% of the original purchase prices of our homes due to the grave housing market which has hit Florida especially hard in recent years. The majority of homeowners in Harbor Hills are senior citizens and most of us will be faced with selling our homes in coming years due to increasing age, illness, loss of a spouse, etc. As difficult as it is to sell a home in Harbor Hills today, it will become much more difficult if owners have to deal with potentially exorbitant water rates and/or poor water services, which would certainly turn off prospective buyers.

I summary, from media information that I have seen in recent weeks, I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable. Aqua has been singled out by Senator Schumer of New York for questionable business practices and most recently by our own Senator Nelson for Aqua's recently proposed rate increase. Additionally, as I understand it, AUF has been the subject of a significant number of customer complaints filed over the last several years. This in itself should bring

into question how they may intend to operate in Florida and should be a red flag to the PSC and other state agencies that would allow them to expand their operations and customer base in Florida.

I request that the Public Service Commission undertake a very thorough investigation on the past and present operations and business practices of AUF, prior to taking any action on the Certificate transfer from Harbor Hills Utilities to AUF. Again, I believe that such a transfer will not be in public interest and certainly not in the interest of the property owners in Harbor Hills.

Sincerely,

Richard Beaver

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RE: Docket No. 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc's application for approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills, LP"s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida Inc and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, Fl. and Aqua Utilities Florida Inc. application for Original certificate for an existing wastewater System request for intial rates and charges and amendment of certificate in Lake County, Fl.

Dear Ms. Cole:

March 27, 2011

I am a resident of Harbor Hills in Lake County Fl and have been advised that the water and wastewater systems of our community (Harbor Hills) are being sold to Aqua Utilities of Florida.

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale and only learned of it in January of 2011 through required PSC notice.

Not only because water is vital to our health but also to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills, we OPPOSE this transfer for the following reasons:

- The transfer of the water system to Aqua Utilities is not in the public interest.
- I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.
- The Notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear.
- I believe the reputation and performance of Aqua Utilities is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States.

I request that the PSC do a through investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor hills Utilities LP certificate to them.

I also request that after doing this intense investigation you will give us, the Harbor Hills residents, time to find an alternative solution in finding a better suited utility company that will meet our needs and would be in compliance with all the PSC rules including customer service and acceptable water quality.

Sincerely

Robert W. Burns

39218 Tacoma Dr.- Harbor Hills

Lady Lake, Fl 32159

cc:D. Bruce Jr.

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Re: Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., And subsequent notices pertinent thereto.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby object to the afore cited application, and request, suggest and demand that said application be denied.

The application should be denied for the following reasons, circumstances and conditions:

Approval of the request for rates and charges for Wastewater services is in violation of and contrary to an existing contractual agreement.

When we purchased our lot and contracted for the construction of our single family dwelling in Harbor Hills, one of the enticing features of this particular location was that it would be connected up to the wastewater system and that the charges therefore would be included in our water bill. Developer (same ownership as the Water Utility) voiced no objection and thereby consented thereto by his silence. This circumstance has been uninterruptedly consistent over the past 20 years.

Now comes Harbor Hills Utilities, before you, and asks your approval to levy an additional charge to me the consumer, without my consent or approval.

The levy of this additional charge will impact my property value, in that it will increase the carrying charges to live here. This being done, unilaterally, without my agreement therto.

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From the date of my residency to present date, it has been the procedure to include wastewater services as part of the Utility services. We had every reason to believe, and in fact did so believe that our water service charges included the charges for wastewater services.

Harbor Hills Utilities by its silent uniform course of practice, uninterrupted over more than 20 years, constitutes acknowledgment of this agreement and understanding.

The appearance that the 56 residential dwellings and the Harbor Hills Country Club Clubhouse and its ancillary buildings, have been subsidized by the water rate payers is not my concern at this time. Accounting for the arrangement of compensation for the appearance of any inequity that may exist as a result of these billing procedures is the responsibility of Harbor Hills Utilities.

Respectfully signed as rate-payers and consumers served by the above subject Utility.

Robert V. Nicholson

Margaret D. Nicholson

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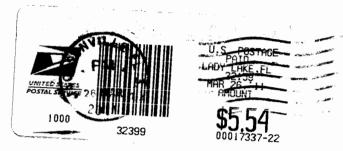
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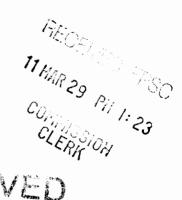
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Objection to Aqu Utilities/Harbor Hills Application

Dear Honorable Commissioners

My wife and I are home owners of Harbor Hills, Lake County. We were recently notified that the water and waste water systems of Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are in the process of being sold to Aqua Utilities Florids, Inc.

We have concerns that the sale's will have a negative impact on the quality of our water and lifestyle. We strongly Oppose this transfer. We understand that the sale is contingent upon AUF receiving approval from the Florida Public Service Commission.

Attached I have listed a few of the reasons for our objection.

The transfer of the water and waste water system to AUF is not in the best interest of the public interest.

The notices that were provided to the residents were inaccurate, unclear and undated.

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It is our believe that the reputation and performance of AUF is questionable based on the facts of past experience, not only in Florida, but many other states.

We request that the Public Service Commission postpone and and all decisions relating to the transfer of certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities, LP., to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

We would also request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of Aqua Utlilties Florida, Inc's past and present operations and business practices in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

William and Suzette Reitmeier

Cc: Ann Cole

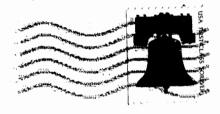
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Dear Ms Cole.

I recently became aware, January 2011, that the water and wastewater systems, Harbor Hills Utilities, LP located in the Harbor Hills Neighborhood is in the process of being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida Inc. (AUF).

I understand that these negotiations have been on going for some time, a couple of years. The neighborhood was only recently made aware of the pending sale to AUF through the required PSC notice.

The quality of our water is of the up most importance along with service and reasonable fees paid. I along with many others in the Neighborhood oppose this transfer for the following reasons.

- This transfer is not in the public interest
- The reputation and performance of AUF is highly questionable based on the of past records and experience in Florida and other states. I asking that the PSC do a very thorough investigation on the past and present operations of AUF in the State of Florida prior to permitting the transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities to AUF.
 - I question if the documents provided for the Wastewater Rates were accurate.

I believe more time needs to be allowed to fully investigate this proposed transfer to be sure the information provided by AUF is accurate and the transfer is in the best interest of the Neighborhood.

Sincerely, Donald Page

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Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Cole:

We have learned in the past several weeks that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, Harbor Hills residents were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in recent weeks when other residents of Harbor Hills circulated a copy of the required PSC notice. Our Harbor Hills Homeowners Association, dominated by the Developer, did not inform us that Harbor Hills Utilities, LP was for sale OR provide any opportunity to the Harbor Hills residents to either purchase the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP or find alternative buyers.

Hills Utilities, LP are in the process of being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF).

Regardless of Florida's Sunshine Laws concerning matters of public interest, the plans and discussions to sell Harbor Hills Utilities, LP were conducted behind closed doors.

It is the right of every citizen of Lake County and Florida to be provided water that is uncontaminated by harmful chemicals, bacteria, virus, etc. according to Environmental Protection Agency standards at a reasonable cost that generally is on a nonprofit basis that includes the operation and maintenance of the water system and does NOT include inflated water rates of publically owned corporations to pay shareholder dividends and executive bonuses as rewards for inflated dividends and rising stock prices.

Water utilities are a unique public service provider. Unlike other utilities such as electric and telecommunications, we ingest water into our bodies. If water utility customer service is substandard, we, the customers, suffer poor health, illness, and perhaps even death. Water is

essential to survive and vital to our health. Water is essential to the quality of daily life in Harbor Hills. We oppose this transfer for the following specific reasons:

- The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest. We are aware of business interviews with AUF's parent company executives in which the takeover of water utilities in the southeast, including Florida, is defined as a lucrative "goldmine" business because of frequent drought conditions and the ease of influencing PSC's to allow significant water rate increases that ignore poor customer service records and far exceed the costs of providing uncontaminated water.
- Conservation of water is not a priority of public water utilities because of the shareholder demands to constantly increase revenues and lower costs. Lower costs equates to poor to nonexistent customer service (evidence is the record number of customer complaints). When customers conserve and reduce their water usage, increased revenues is achieved by raising rates. Conservation thus is punitive by raising water rates. Increased water rates and minimal customer service equates to increased profits to boost corporate financial performance, shareholder dividends and executive bonuses. Thus customers, babies and children included, drink inferior, dangerous water and pay outrageous water rates. This is not in the public interest.
- We question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate. In Harbor Hills only about 60 residents and the country club clubhouse are connected to the wastewater system. ALL other Harbor Hills residents have septic systems and are NOT connected to the wastewater system. It is essential that conditions defined in the certificates of the wastewater facility and the potable water utility specifically and clearly state that potable water rates will NOT subsidize the wastewater facility.
- The Notice which was provided to the residents was untimely, inaccurate and unclear. The Harbor Hills residents have NOT been given any opportunity to find alternative ways to acquire Harbor Hills Utilities, LP from the Developer.
- We believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of experience in Florida. We request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to them.
- We believe that the Public Service Commission should provide an opportunity for Harbor Hills residents to make alternative proposals to acquire the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP.

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Sincerely,

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Not only because water is vital to out health, but also to our quality of life here at Harbor Hills, we have opposed this transfer for the following reasons:

The transfer of the water is not in the public interest.

We question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.

The notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear.

We have had previous experience with Aqua on property we own in Fruitland Park and found them to be discourteous and unvielding in our business discussions regarding service and rates.

We also oppose HR 223 allowing Aqua to arbitrarily raise rates and add an 8% surcharge on top of our water bill.

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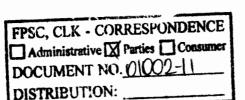


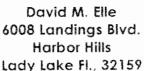
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My reasons are: The prior reputation for poor service.

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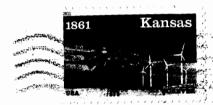
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Re: Notice of Application for Approval of Transfer and Application of Transfer of Water Certificate, Approval of Transfer and Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System Requesting Initial Rates and Charges Harbor Hills Utility, LP in Lake County Florida to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.,

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby request and petition that they be recognized as parties to any hearings, evidentiary proceedings and any other actions with respect to the above application, and be timely notified of any such events. Further, the undersigned petition for evidentiary hearings with respect to the above cited applications.

Respectfully signed as rate-payers and consumers served by the above subject Utility.

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Re: Docket #110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s (Aqua) application for approval of the transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, LP's water system to Aqua.

Attn: Art Graham, Chairman

I am a resident of the Harbor Hills community located in Lady Lake, Florida. Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (Aqua) has made application for approval to transfer the Harbor Hills Utility, LP to Aqua. I encourage the Commission to deny this transfer as it is *not in the public interest*.

As I am sure the Commission is aware, Aqua does <u>not</u> enjoy a good reputation among its customer base in Florida. There are numerous complaints by communities and individuals of poor water quality, inferior service and unaffordable rates. Hopefully, the PSC is currently investigating Aqua's operations in our state.

Although this pending transfer has been in the works for almost two years, residents of Harbor Hills were not informed until January 2011, when we received a notice from Aqua. The developer (Michael Rich), who is also the president of the Harbor Hills HOA, intentionally kept residents out of the loop regarding the proposed sale of the utility company to Aqua. At a meeting of about 500 residents on March 22, 2011, homeowners, by show of hands, expressed their unanimous support to request the assistance of the Office of Public Counsel to identify other options and possible alternatives.

I am requesting the Commission to rule in the best interests of the homeowners in our community by <u>denying</u> the transfer of water certificates from Harbor Hills Utility to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Hargest III

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Dear Ms Cole,

I have been advised that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Florida, Inc (AUF).

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in Jan. 2011 through required PSC notice.

Not only is water vital to our life and health it is also important to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills. We oppose the transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities Florida.

This transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest of Harbor Hills.

I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is not accurate

The Notice that was provided to the Harbor Hills residents was inaccurate and unclear.

I believe that the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on past experience in FL and other states. I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on AUF past and present operations in the State of Florida, on behalf of the residents of Harbor Hills, prior to transferring Harbor Hills Utilities to AUF.

Thank You,

Ray and Mary Johnson

Residents of Harbor Hills Community

SUBJECT: Docket NO. 110019-WS – Aqua Utilities FL.,Inc's Application for approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida Inc and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County FL. And Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc's Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and Charges; and Amendment of certificate in Lake County, FL

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Ms Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

Re. PSC, Docket #110019 WS

Dear Ms Cole:

I have just learned that Harbor Hills Utilities, LP, our water supplier, has been sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.. I understand negotiations for this sale has been underway for almost 2 years, I was alerted to this upon receipt of the required PSC notice on January 11, 2011, I also found this notice confusing and unclear. Water is vital to all of us, the Quality and Affordability is of utmost importance, Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc and all of it's affiliates, do have a reputation for either. I do not believe that this sale is in the best interest of the public. Therefore I am requesting your assistance in blocking the transfer of the Certificate from transferring from Harbor Hills Utilities, LP to Aqua Utilities, Inc., thus giving us time to investigate a better solution, that would not jeopardize the Quality and Affordability of our water to suggest to Harbor Hills Utilities, LP that would.

Sincerely,

Leroy A. Packard

Cc - Holland & Knight 315 South Calhoun St. Tallahassee, Fl. 32301 Leroy A. Packard 39424 Harbor Hills Blvd. Lady Lake, Fl. 32159-5910





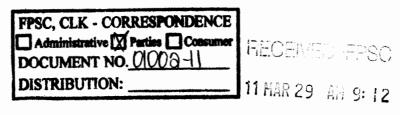


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Mr. Art Graham, Chair Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399 COMMISSION CLERK

Dear Mr. Graham,

I have been advised that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF).

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through an undated required PSC notice.

Not only because water is vital to our health, but also to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills, I strongly oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest.
- I question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate.
- The Notices which were provided to the residents were inaccurate, unclear and undated.
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a substantially poor track record throughout the state
- · Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., accounts for a disproportionate number of complaints to your own office
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of seeking, and getting, frequent and unsubstantiated rate
 increases purportedly to expand and enhance product and service WITHOUT subsequently doing so
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of providing *technically* potable water of far less than *desirable* quality
- Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., has a history of profiteering at the expense of its customer base
- I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States.

I request that the Public Service Commission postpone any and all decisions relating to the transfer of certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities, LP., to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

I further request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of Aqua Utilities Florida., Inc's past and present operations and business practices in the State of Florida prior to considering the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

I await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Ellen B Wilcox

Cc; Ann Cole

H. Marlene O'Toole

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SUBJECT: Docket No. 110019-WS -Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL, Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Original Certificate for an

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Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission

Subject: Docket No. 110019-WS Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc Application For Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P's Water System to Aqua Utilities Fl. Ect...

I'm a property owner of Harbor Hills and recently was informed, for the first time, at a meeting, which our Property Owners of Harbor Hills held, that a Company named Aqua Utilities of Florida is purchasing Harbor Hills Utilities. This transaction has been taken place for the past two years. There was not notice to any of the residents of Harbor Hills until the past month or so. As you know, water is the most important commodity we have. All life depends upon it. It Cannot be in the best interest of our community not to be made aware of this transaction. With Aqua Utilities undesirable track record in this state and others, our community is deeply concerned about the future of the quality of water and the high prices that would be imposed on our community. The notices, which were provided, were highly inaccurate and unclear, no less leaving any doubt in the minds of Harbor Hills Residents that that the transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest. Again I repeat, while the negotiations were under way for the past two years, the residents of this community only heard about this in January of 2011 through a PSC notice which we had thirty days to respond yet the sale already took place.

<u>PLEASE</u> reconsider this. This is a two way street. We need your help and you need our vote. You can depend on us. Can we depend on you? The reputation of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida. Harbor Hills residents request only that the Public Service Commission do a through investigation on past and present practices of this Company (AUF).

Sincerely.

Ronald J. Crima, Resident and Property Owner of Harbor Hills

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Sincerely,

Mary Rio

Richard Rio

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315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600

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SUBJECT: Docket No. 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida Inc's Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water system to Aqua Utilities, Florida, Inc. And Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL, and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc's Application for Original Certificate for an existing wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and charges, and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL.

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D. Bruce May, Jr.
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Dear Madam and Sir,

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We are writing to alert you to the recent activity of Aqua Utilities Florida in attempting to take over the water and waste facility here at Harbor Hills. We have had no experience with Aqua, but have 13 years experience with the water management at Harbor Hills, with which we have no complaint. We are seriously concerned about this take over because it includes the waste water sewage management as well.

Harbor Hills has managed our waste water sewage facility very well and We ask that those same standards be applied to Aqua, should they succeed in their quest. This is critical to being able to maintain the pleasant environment that we enjoy. Our home is adjacent to the water-waste disposal equipment which has always been managed in a successful manner. This standard <u>must remain</u> and apply to Aqua as a <u>legally binding "standard"</u>, should they succeed in their take over.

As a part of the Florida Public Service Commission we beseech you to review the application with we the Public in mind. All we can do now, is hope you will seriously consider if this is the" right thing to do" and if the company in question has a consumer "Public" interest as well as it's monetary ambition.

Very seriously yours,

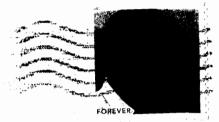
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TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Katherine E. Fleming, Assistant to Commissioner Brown

RE:

Docket No. 110019-WS – Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for original certificate for an existing wastewater system, request for initial rates and charges for Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater system, amendment of wastewater Certificate No. 120-S, in Lake County, to include Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater service area; and application for approval of transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., amendment of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s water Certificate No. 106-W, in Lake County, to include the Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water service territory, and cancellation of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water Certificate No. 522-W.

Please place the attached document in Docket Correspondence - Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

Thank you.

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6120 Topsail Rd. Lady Lake, Fl 32159 March 23, 2011

Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Commissioner Brown,

We are writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny AQUA Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for a transfer of the waste-water certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities pursuant to Docket No. 110019-WS, as it is not in the best interest of the public and, in particular, your constituents. Despite AQUA's assertions in its application, "The proposed acquisition would place the water and wastewater operations of the Harbor Hills water and wastewater system in the hands of an experienced company and industry leader whose sole focus in the provision of high quality water and wastewater service at reasonable prices." AQUA's track record is contrary to this. The horror stories of ever-increasing, excessive rates, billing nightmares, poor water quality, and inadequate service, abound throughout AQUA's service areas to include Florida. Chuluota, Seminole County is experiencing, on average, 3 times the cost for water and sewage that nearby Oviedo is paying. Seminole County is working to purchase back the system from AQUA, but has not agreed to a valuation as yet. AQUA is saying that the value is about 4 times the valuation specified by Seminole County. The residents of Harbor Hills do not want to be faced with this situation. Additionally, AQUA is responsible for the great majority of complaints to the PSC by consumers, and they have also been fined for their billing problems. We, along with my neighbors, your constituents, urge you to ensure that Aqua's request for the transfer of the certificate be denied.

> Robert and Jessica Carlton Harbor Hills Residents







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Re: Objection to Aqua Utilities/Harbor Hills Application

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

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Florida Public Service Commission
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The undersigned received an undated "Revised Notice..." yesterday and as an aggrieved future customer objects with particularity to the following matters relating to this notice and application:

- I. The proposed wastewater rates set forth do substantially exceed those charged currently by Harbor Hills Utilities and are without a rational basis, and are supported by neither clear and convincing evidence nor a preponderance of evidence, whichever is applicable.
- II. The proposed wastewater rates on their face totally ignore, and fail to advise the Commission, that the largest and dominant user of the wastewater system is a forprofit, commercial enterprise, viz., 1. clubhouse, 2. swimming pool complex, 3. locker rooms and spas, 4. restaurants, 5. golf operations, and 6. tennis facilities owned by Harbor Hills Country Club. The application should be tabled and deferred until and unless the applicant makes clear and details its proposed commercial wastewater rates and the methodology and justification for computing them, and the methodology for measuring usage by this dominant commercial customer at each of its aforementioned sites and facilities.
- III. To apply the same wastewater base rate and also the proposed gallonage cap of 6,000 gallons to the Harbor Hills Country Club commercial enterprise as would be applied to a single residential home is arbitrary, capricious, irrational, unfair, and contrary to law and the public interest.

- IV. The Revised Notice does not indicate if the proposed water rates are monthly or bi-monthly as is currently the case with Harbor Hills Utilities.
- V. The "General Service" section appears to relate to water rates but does not say so. Assuming that it does, the proposed rates are subject to the same objections set out in I. above.
- VI. The application relating to water rates should be tabled and deferred until and unless the applicant makes clear and details its proposed commercial water rates and the methodology and justification for computing them, and the methodology for measuring usage by Harbor Hills Country Club at each of its aforementioned commercial sites and facilities.

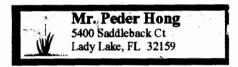
Respectfully submitted,

Peder Hong 5400 Saddleback Ct. Lady Lake, Florida 32159

Cc: D. Bruce May, Jr. 315 South Calhoun Street Suite 600, Tallahassee, Fl. 32301



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Diamond Williams

From: Diamond Williams

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:11 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Matilda Sanders

Subject: RE: To CLK DOCKET #110019

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Thank you for this information. This attachment has been printed and placed in **Docket** Correspondence-Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket 110019-WS.

Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 2:47 PM

To: Diamond Williams

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Matilda Sanders **Subject:** FW: To CLK DOCKET #110019

Customer correspondence

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:37 AM

To: Ruth McHarque

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From: laura bernardini [mailto:lrbernardini@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:49 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Cc: Karen Setz

Subject: RE DOCKET #110019 -Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., application for approval of transfer of Harbor

Hills Utilities, LP water system to AUF, Inc

Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk

3/22/2011

Florida Public Service Commission

We live in Harbor Hills at 39342 Harbor Hills Blvd., (352)259-0108) Our developer and Harbor Hills Utilities (HHU) are one and the same. Our drinking and irrigation water run through the same meter.

The following is a comparison of our present HHU rates and those proposed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUF)

MONTHLY RATES

AUF Propos	sed HHU present	Increase	Increase %	
131.4	GENERAL SERVICE	\$19.88	\$8.59	\$11.29
	RATE PER 1,000 GALS. 378.8	5.89	1.23	4.66

The purchase price of HHU is none of our business; however, its obvious that AUF intends to re-coop its investment in a short period of time or request the "moon" and hope the PSC approves a 200 to 300% rate increase.

Our objection to AUF application is simple and direct. With no changes to our present water infrastructure, how can the commission approve the application and foregoing rate increases.

We solicit your support and hope that the PSC will closely review the economic impact of the AUF's proposal.

Respectfully, George and Laura Bernardini

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
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TO AQUA UTILITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING
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Dear Commissioners:

The undersigned objects with particularity to the following issues relating to the above noted application and requests that the following issues be set for a contested evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge or appropriate hearing officer or other procedure provided by Florida administrative laws, and venued in Lake County, Florida where the bulk of witnesses reside, where the utility in question is located, and where the applicant and both transferor and transferee do business.

- I. Is it not true that the largest of the wastewater system users is a commercial enterprise called the Harbor Hills Country Club which has 1. a clubhouse, 2. a swimming pool complex, 3. locker rooms and spas, 4. restaurants, 5. golf operations, and 6. tennis facilities owned by Harbor Hills Country Club. Is it not true that the clubhouse also houses the developers business offices, the sales offices of a real estate broker, and a large conference facility used regularly for financial and corporate events? How does the proposal treat wastewater usage by these entities?
- il. Should the Commission require that the applicant to make clear and detail its proposed commercial wastewater rates and the justification for computing them, and should not the Harbor Hills commercial enterprises bear the largest cost of maintaining the wastewater system.?

<u>Country Club commercial enterprises, and would that not be arbitrary, capricious, irrational, unfair, and contrary to law and the public interest?</u>

- IV. <u>Does the proposed system of water rates favor the commercial users over the residents?</u>
- V. <u>Should the residents of Harbor Hills be offered the opportunity to purchase the water utility on a first refusal basis?</u>

VI. <u>Is the current proposal in the public interest of the community of Harbor Hills or the</u> State of Florida.

Very traly yours,

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1. Does the proposed water scheme involved in this case create an unfair economic advantage to the proposed transferor water utility, and its associated entity developer, Harbor Hills Development, and the other Harbor Hills real estate entities [which, on information and belief, are all owned by the same party, namely Yale University of New Haven, Connecticut], relative to current homeowners and the current Harbor Hills Homeowners' Association by imposing on the latter potentially very expensive Aqua water rates for the irrigation water for their home sites and common areas, while leaving the option open to the former of obtaining free lake water from Lake Griffin for their irrigation purposes relative to their common areas in their new development under construction, called Bella Vista, as well as other areas irrigated at the expense of the developer now and in the future,

and, perhaps, as well, their future platted and yet to be platted lots, and common areas, for sale in the future, or to be developed in the future, both to the south of Lake Griffin Rd. and to the north of Lake Griffin Rd. and other future development areas.?

- 2. In what other ways, if any, does the proposed water scheme advantage the developer as compared to current homeowners relative to irrigation as well as water service and wastewater service and is such a disparity, if it exists, fair and in the public interest?
- 3. In what ways and in what manner, if any, are water and wastewater services, and rates, to the developer's current properties and future properties treated differently than to current homeowners under the proposed plan before the Commission, and is such a disparity, if it exists, fair and in the public interest?

Very truly yours,

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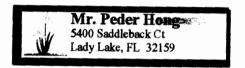
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Re: Objection to Aqua Utilities/Harbor Hills Application to Transfer Certificate and for Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

The undersigned objects with particularity to the following matters relating to the above noted application:

I. The proposed wastewater rates fail to advise the Commission, that the largest of the wastewater system users is a commercial enterprise called the Harbor Hills Country Club which has 1. a clubhouse, 2. a swimming pool complex, 3. locker rooms and spas, 4.restaurants, 5.golf operations, and 6. tennis facilities owned by Harbor Hills Country Club. The clubhouse also houses the developer's business offices, the sales offices of a real estate broker, and a large conference facility used regularly for financial and corporate events.

The Commission should require that the applicant make clear and detail its proposed commercial wastewater rates and the justification for computing them. They should bear a large part of the costs of maintaining the wastewater system.

- II. To apply the proposed gallonage cap of 6,000 gallons to the vast Harbor Hills Country Club commercial enterprises as would be applied to a single residential home is arbitrary, capricious, irrational, unfair, and contrary to law and the public interest. The possibility that the proposed system may favor the commercial users over the residents needs to be prohibited.
- III. The application does not set out its proposal for commercial water rates. The application relating to water rates should be tabled and deferred until and unless the applicant makes clear and details its proposed commercial water rates and the methodology and justification for computing them. The

possibility that the proposed system may favor the commercial users over the residents needs to be prohibited.

IV. The residents of Harbor Hills have not been offered the opportunity to purchase the water utility on a first refusal basis and the certificate of Harbor Hills Utility should go to the residents or the Harbor Hills Homeowner's Association on a cooperative type basis.

The current proposal is not in the public interest of the community of Harbor Hills nor the State of Florida.

Very truly yours,

Alan C. Preusser

cc: D. Bruce May, Jr.

315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600

Tallahassee, FL 32301

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From:

Ann Cole

Sent:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:10 PM

To:

Kathleen Stewart

Cc:

Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

Thank you for this information, which will be placed in Docket Correspondence -Consumers

and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

From: Kathleen Stewart

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:01 PM

To: Ann Cole

Cc: Katherine Fleming

Subject: FW: Docket No, 110019-WS Please put in Docket 110019; thanks.

Kathleen

From: Office of Commissioner Brown

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 02:57 PM

To: Ann Cole

Cc: Katherine Fleming

Subject: FW: Docket No, 110019-WS

Ann: Please place this email with correspondence in the appropriate docket.

Thanks, Kathleen

Kathleen Stewart

Executive Assistant Commissioner Julie I. Brown Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 850/413-6030; fax 413-6031

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From: Carlton, Bob (ES) [mailto:robert.carlton@ngc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:13 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Brown **Subject:** Docket No, 110019-WS

Dear Commissioner Brown,

We are writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny AQUA Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for a transfer of the waste-water certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities pursuant to Docket No. 110019-WS, as it is not in the best interest of the public and, in particular, your constituents. Despite AQUA's assertions in its application, "The proposed acquisition would place the water and wastewater operations of the Harbor Hills water and wastewater system in the hands of an experienced company and industry leader whose sole focus in the

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From:

Ann Cole

Sent:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:37 PM

To:

Office Of Commissioner Graham

Cc:

Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

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and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

From: Betty Leland On Behalf Of Office Of Commissioner Graham

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:26 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

Please add to Docket 110019.

Thanks.

From: Carlton, Bob (ES) [mailto:robert.carlton@ngc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:07 PM

To: Office Of Commissioner Graham **Subject:** Docket No. 110019-WS

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From:

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Sent:

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To:

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Cc:

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Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

Thank you for this information, which will be placed in Docket Correspondence -Consumers

and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

From: Office of Commissioner Balbis

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:29 PM

To: Ann Cole Cc: Lisa Bennett

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

Ann,

Please place the e-mail below in Docket Correspondence - Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

Thanks.

Cristina

From: Carlton, Bob (ES) [mailto:robert.carlton@ngc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:09 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Balbis **Subject:** Docket No. 110019-WS

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From: Ann Cole

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 8:07 AM

To:

Roberta Bass: Diamond Williams

Cc: Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

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and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

Diamond, per Roberta's request, please remove this information from Docket

No. 100330-WS. Thank you.

From: Roberta Bass

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 5:07 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: Re: Docket No. 110019-WS

Ann, I just noticed I placed this item in the wrong docket. It should be in Docket No.110019-WS. Please

forgive my mistake. Thank you.

Sent from Blackberry Wireless Handheld

Roberta S. Bass Chief Advisor to Commissioner Edgar 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0854

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Email Roberta.Bass@PSC.STATE.FL.US

From: Ann Cole

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 02:13 PM

To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar

Cc: Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

Thanks, Roberta. This information will be placed in Docket Correspondence -

Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 100330-WS.

From: Office Of Commissioner Edgar Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:14 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

Please place the following correspondence in Docket No. 100330-WS. Thank you.

Roberta

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From: Carlton, Bob (ES) [mailto:robert.carlton@ngc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:11 PM

To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar **Subject:** Docket No. 110019-WS

Dear Commissioner Edgar,

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From:

Ann Cole

Sent:

Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:37 AM

To:

Pamela Paultre

Cc:

Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

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and their Representatives, in Docket No. 110019-WS.

Diamond, per Pamela's request, please remove this information from Docket

No. 080121-WS. Thank you.

From: Pamela Paultre

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:30 AM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

Ann,

Please remove this correspondence from docket # 080121 and place it in docket # 110019. I made an error in my original request and apologize for the inconvenience,

Thanks.

Pamela

From: Ann Cole

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 4:19 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Brisé

Cc: Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject: RE: Docket No. 110019-WS

Yes, CLK will place this information in *Docket Correspondence -Consumers and their Representatives*, in

Docket No. 080121-WS.

From: Pamela Paultre On Behalf Of Office of Commissioner Brisé

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 3:47 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: FW: Docket No. 110019-WS

Ann,

Would you please add this correspondence to docket # 080121?

Thank you,

Pamela

From: Carlton, Bob (ES) [mailto:robert.carlton@ngc.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:12 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Brisé **Subject:** Docket No. 110019-WS

Dear Commissioner Brise',

We are writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny AQUA Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for a transfer of the waste-water certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities pursuant to Docket No. 110019-WS, as it is not in the best interest of the public and, in particular, your constituents. Despite AQUA's assertions in its application, "The proposed acquisition would place the water and wastewater operations of the Harbor Hills water and wastewater system in the hands of an experienced company and industry leader whose sole focus in the provision of high quality water and wastewater service at reasonable prices." AQUA's track record is contrary to this. The horror stories of everincreasing, excessive rates, billing nightmares, poor water quality, and inadequate service, abound throughout AQUA's service areas to include Florida. Chuluota, Seminole County is experiencing, on average, 3 times the cost for water and sewage that nearby Oviedo is paying. Seminole County is working to purchase back the system from AQUA, but has not agreed to a valuation as yet. AQUA is saying that the value is about 4 times the valuation specified by Seminole County. The residents of Harbor Hills do not want to be faced with this situation. Additionally, AQUA is responsible for the great majority of complaints to the PSC by consumers, and they have also been fined for their billing problems. We, along with my neighbors, your constituents, urge you to ensure that Agua's request for the transfer of the certificate be denied.

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From: Diamond Williams

Friday, March 25, 2011 12:14 PM Sent:

To: Ruth McHargue

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Matilda Sanders

Subject: RE: To CLK Docket 110019

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Thank you,

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From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 11:15 AM

To: Diamond Williams

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Matilda Sanders Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 110019

Customer correspondence

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:38 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: To CLK Docket 110019

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From: edward clark [mailto:edclark32159@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 10:40 AM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Document # 110019

Public Service Comm.: I would like to protest the proposed sale of the Harbor Hills water utility to Aqua Utilities. I believe the people how use the water should get some alternative. The state has an obligation to its residents to be sure they are protected from hidden unfair deals.

Thank You

Edward J Clark (352) 751-1107

Marguerite McLean

From: JoAnn Chase

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 10:41 AM

To: Marguerite McLean

Cc: Pat Brady

Subject: RE: 110019-WS

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I think they should go in correspondence-interested persons. I've noticed that these type letters have been filed in both, but since they are objections, should probably be in correspondence-interested persons.

From: Marguerite McLean

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 10:37 AM

To: JoAnn Chase Cc: Pat Brady

Subject: FW: 110019-WS

Joann,

can you answer the question below? we need to start on today's mail, but we can't until we get an answer about the attached documents. thanks.

Marguerite H. McLean Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 850-413-6770

From: Marguerite McLean

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 9:45 AM

To: Pat Brady

Subject: FW: 110019-WS

Hi Pat,

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correspondence-consumers, or placed in correspondence-interested persons in Docket 110019-WS?

Thanks,

Marguerite H. McLean Commission Deputy Clerk II

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Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 850-413-6770

From: Diamond Williams

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 9:41 AM

To: Marguerite McLean **Subject:** 110019-WS

Hey Marguerite attached is the scanned in letters that are in question.

Thank you,

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Subject: Docket No. 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for original certificate for an existing wastewater system, request for initial rates and charges for Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater system, amendment of wastewater Certificate No. 120-S, in Lake County, to include Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater service area; and application for approval of transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., amendment of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.s' water Certificate No. 106-W, in Lake County, to include the Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water service territory, and cancellation of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water Certificate No. 522-W.

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Dear Florida Public Service Commission.

We have been advised that the water (and wastewater) systems of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP is being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc (AUF). While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through a required PSC notice. This caused considerable confusion within our community with respect to what was happening, and what the effects may be. Because water is vital to our health and vital to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills, we oppose this transfer of our current water system to AUF and believe that the transfer is not in the public's best interest based on the following:

- 1) Current and historical information provided to our community highlighted numerous complaints filed annually, as well as over a number of years, regarding AUF services.
- 2) Numerous locally aired TV news reports have highlighted customers complaining about AUF and of their poor water quality, poor customer service, extremely high costs and rate increases.
- 3) If the transfer to AUF occurs, we believe there is a high potential of a negative effect on home sales and it will impact the numerous fixed income households within our community which is already experiencing foreclosures and delinquent association dues during this struggling economy.
- 4) Calculations reflect my personal water bill will increase by a (minimum) factor of 4 (four) through AUF, as compared to our current rates.
- 5) We believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable not only in Florida, but in other States, such as Ohio.
- 6) We believe the notice which was provided to the residents was unclear.

Prior to the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP to AUF, we request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation of AUF's past and present operations in the State of Florida with respect to water quality, customer complaints, water and wastewater rates, and whether corrective action(s) have taken place (or a lack of action) by AUF to correct those issues. If the results of the investigation support our concerns, we ask that the PSC please act on behalf of our community's best interests and deny the transfer of the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate(s) to AUF.

Sincerely,

Peter and Maria DeVogel 6051 Landings Blvd Lady Lake, FL 32159

cc:
D. Bruce May Jr.
Holland and Knight
315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 600
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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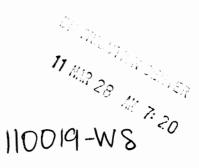
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OTHER CONTESTED CASE/EVIDENTIARY HEARING PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY LAW TO
BE VENUED, IF POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Dear Commissioners:

The undersigned objects with particularity and submits the following issues relating to the above noted application and requests that the following issues, and the issues the undersigned has previously filed with the Commission, be set for a contested evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge or appropriate hearing officer or other procedure provided by Florida administrative laws and/or the procedures applying to the Commission, and venued in Lake County, Florida where the bulk of witnesses reside, where the utility in question is located, and where the applicant and both transferor and transferee do business.

The current proposal to change the water and wastewater scheme from an underlying nonprofit ownership structure to a direct profit -maximizing ownership structure is not in the public interest of the community of Harbor Hills or the State of Florida.

On information and belief, the 100% owner of the entire ownership interest in Harbor Hills Utility, is a non-profit corporation, and probably a 501 [c] [3] corporation, namely Yale University of New Haven, Connecticut.

It is not in the public interest to permit the transfer of this utitlity certificate to Aqua which is a profit corporation and has different purposes.

The differences are similar, or identical, to the public benefits and policy reasons arising from and attending to the salient example of the non-profit ownership of the St. Petersburg Times newspaper as set forth in the article "The History and Importance of Nonprofit Ownership", [see w.w.w. Poynter.org], which is enclosed herewith and incorporated in this objection in its entirety. For the reasons both identical and similar to those set forth in this article, it is not in the public interest and not in the interest of homeowners of Harbor Hills to permit the transfer of the utility certificate of the underlying current non-profit ownership of the utility in Yale University to the future profit-seeking ownership of the proposed transferee, Aqua.

Very truly yours,

Péder Hong

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Cc:

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The History and Importance of Nonprofit Ownership



by Karen Dunlap
Published May 14, 2004 10:38 am
Updated Mar. 2, 2011 4:39 pm

News media executives search for new economic models for media success. Normally that means building audiences for broadcast, print, and online news, but the search also takes another path. It also means ensuring survival of independent news organizations. In this case, the answers for future success might be found in models from the past. There are unusual ownership arrangements, experiments that failed, family efforts that faltered, and some ventures that survive.

In search of strong news media, owners created schools, developed community foundations, set up employee ownerships, and devised trusts as means of keeping news organizations independent and locally focused. These non-traditional approaches are found in various geographical regions, in a range of organization sizes, and among ideological opposites. Some are recent efforts that aren't fully formed. Others have lasted for decades.

The best arrangements value community responsibility, commitment to local ownership, and a passion for quality journalism. Several names emerge as leaders in preserving non-profit ownerships. Newspaper leaders include Theodore Bodenwein of the New London (Conn.) Day, Nelson Poynter of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times; William and Nackey Loeb of the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader, and more recently, Brandy Ayers of the Anniston (Ala.) Star, and George McLean of the Tupelo Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal.

This study addresses the first of five proposals set forth by the Breaux Symposium at Louisiana State University. The proposal is: More media outlets should be operated by nonprofits and public policies should encourage and support this type of media ownership. The study looks at the organizations named and others that model non-profit ownership. It examines the individual organization's history, form of ownership, the intent of the owner, and challenges to the form of ownership. Using this analysis, the study also addresses four sets of questions raised: Is the method feasible, operable, desirable, and measurable? ...

In this excerpt, we will look at only one model, the case of the St. Petersburg Times.

The St. Petersburg Times

In 1938, in St. Petersburg, Fla., Nelson Poynter became general manager of his father's newspaper, the *St. Petersburg Times*. Poynter took the role after his father, mother, and sister agreed that Nelson would have the right to buy all of his father's stock.

The Poynters were from Indiana and the father, Paul Poynter, bought 10 newspapers during his life. 1 He bought the *Times* in 1912.

Nelson was a graduate of Indiana University, where he edited the student newspaper when Ernie Pyle was one of the writers. Poynter earned an economics degree from Yale University at age 23, and then went to Florida to help his father, who was in financial trouble with the *Times*. Nelson dealt with the problems and moved to buy his father's stock in the newspaper, over time, for \$100 per share.

In 1939, Poynter became editor of the newspaper. In 1947, he bought most of the stock, and became owner of the newspaper.

At that point he issued his "Standards of Ownership," that became the significant document for the owner and his newspaper. In it he valued community service, modern equipment, an above-average staff, and steps to eliminate debt and reward employees. The first provision in the standards is the one most associated with him. He wrote:

Ownership or participation in ownership of a publication or broadcast property is a sacred trust and a great privilege.2

During three decades of ownership of the *Times*, Poynter led the nation in using color graphics and photos; in strengthening the news report and winning journalism awards, including the Pulitzer Prize; in raising a strong voice in the community, although his was generally more liberal than the community's.

In 1945, he and his second wife, Henrietta, founded Congressional Quarterly, and Poynter made trips to Washington. He became better known nationally and raised the reputation of the St. Petersburg Times.

In 1978, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage shortly after taking part in the groundbreaking for the new campus of the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. He had fought to bring the campus to his city. Upon his death, *The Times of London* described him as a man who had built "a remarkable newspaper in an unremarkable city." 3

During his whole tenure of leadership at the *Times*, Nelson Poynter was at odds with his sister over ownership of the newspaper. Eleanor Poynter Jamison ran the family's newspaper in Sullivan, Indiana, but she felt her brother was depriving her of her inheritance at the *Times*.

Two months after purchasing the newspaper, to pacify his mother, Nelson Poynter sold his sister's 40 percent of the *Times* common voting stock. The sale included a provision for him to buy back the stock at a "fair price." 4 It was a small move that had huge consequences during his life and after Poynter's death.

Poynter was adamant about not sharing ownership with family or leaving the newspaper as a family inheritance. According to his biographer, Poynter told his lawyer, "I've never met my great-grandchildren, and I might not like them."

He sought to leave his newspaper to one successor as chief executive rather than a group. By the 1950s, he considered leaving the company to a foundation. In 1969, the political climate turned against foundations and limited the percent a foundation could own of a profit-making enterprise.5

Poynter settled on creating a school. It would improve the state of journalism and preserve the independence of the *St. Petersburg Times*. He named the school the Modern Media Institute. In 1984, Trustees changed the name to The Poynter Institute.

Nelson had tried to buy back the stock he had sold to Eleanor. His successor, Gene Patterson, made the return of the stock a top priority, but didn't come to terms with Eleanor or with her daughters after her death in 1987.

In 1988, two weeks before Patterson turned over leadership of the *Times* to <u>Andrew Barnes</u>, a Texas entrepreneur called to let the *Times* leaders know that he had bought the stock of the late Eleanor Poynter Jameson from her two daughters.

There followed a two-year battle in which leaders of the *Times* and The Poynter Institute took on Robert Bass and his group, called Poynter-Jamison Ventures Limited.

By this time, the *Times* was a circulation leader in Florida, it was in a growing market, and was often regarded as one of the top newspapers in the nation. It was a prime target for purchase or corporate take-over. The Poynter Institute had developed a reputation for outstanding mid-career development programs for journalists. The battle over stock drew national attention. It focused attention on Nelson Poynter's arrangement that left a well-regarded, but small, journalism school as owner of a prosperous newspaper. When a settlement was reached, the Institute still owned the *Times*.

Andy Barnes wrote a column in December 1999 explaining the situation to readers. Here are excerpts:

As I wound up the year's work a few days ago, I signed a very big check, \$22.5 million. It was profit this newspaper publishing company has earned and set aside over the past few years, and it went to our owner, The Poynter Institute.

• It was a pleasure to send the check off. A debt created nearly 10 years ago is paid. I've never burned a mortgage, but it must feel the same. Ownership is secure. It's time to turn to new challenges.

But we also savor the moment, and mark the importance of this newspaper's highly unusual ownership.

Nelson Poynter, a Hoosier who came to love St. Petersburg, owned the majority of the *St. Petersburg Times*, having bought it from his father, Paul Poynter. He created The Poynter Institute, which is a school for journalists now located on Third Street South in St. Petersburg.

The Institute had two purposes: to teach journalists, young and old, and to keep his newspaper independent and free to serve its communities. Newspaper publishing, he wrote, is a sacred trust and must always be carried out in the public's interest. Ownership by a distant corporation would make that impossible.

The problem was, he didn't own all of the stock. His sister, Eleanor Poynter Jamison, owned 200 shares. Poynter tried repeatedly to buy the shares. His successor, Eugene Patterson, tried to buy the shares from Mrs. Jamison, and after her death, from her daughters. They failed to do so.

Just as I came into this job in late 1988, we learned the stock was in the hands of a Texas financier named Robert M. Bass. He wanted somehow to parlay his stake into ownership of the whole paper and have us send him more money in the meantime.

Those of us running the paper fought back. Our loyalty was to the newspaper and its communities, and to the school, not to a financier's greater wealth. After two of the most challenging years of my life, a deal was struck that included the debt to Poynter, which was \$30-million until we paid \$7.5-million earlier this year. Now the debt is paid. The Poynter Institute owns all the stock. That stage is done.

The setup boils down to this: a profit-making, tax-paying publishing company owns the St. Petersburg Times and several magazines: Florida Trend, Congressional Quarterly, and Governing. The company's earnings after taxes go to build the business and support The Poynter Institute.

That's not how it works at most newspapers. Corporate owners in distant cities all too often lack familiarity with local people and issues. They may not even know newspapers very well. As a result, the only thing that counts to the owners is dollars, and readers suffer.

Some of the differences:

If our owner demanded profits be twice as high as they are, it would inevitably cut into our ability to hire enough people and buy enough newsprint to really tell you what is going on in our communities. We run a nicely profitable business so we can be an excellent newspaper; all too many companies print newspapers so they can make a lot of money.

The price of our paper is low. We keep it that way so all citizens can be

informed, not just the well-to-do. We believe our democracy depends on informed citizens.

Having a publishing company owned by a school raises questions of who's in charge. Poynter set it up so one person would have the command, not a committee, because he believed a committee might not make the necessary tough decisions. As CEO, I also vote the stock on behalf of The Poynter Institute. I was picked by Patterson, my predecessor, and in turn have named Paul Tash as my deputy and successor when the time comes.

I believe he would have smiled to see that the check with which we paid the \$22.5-million debt was imprinted "Barnett Bank," though the funds will actually come from the successor NationsBank, which is actually now Bank of America.

Banks have come and gone. His newspaper, and the school he created to own it, remain. Our commitment to serving the readers of Tampa Bay's communities remains undimmed.

This piece is an edited excerpt from, "A Study of Non-profit Ownership of News Media," part of "The Breaux Symposium on News in the Public Interest: A Free and Subsidized Press" by Louisiana State University's Manship School of Journalism.

FOOTNOTES

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Diamond Williams

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To:

Ruth McHargue

Cc: Subject: Matilda Sanders; Dorothy Menasco

t: RE: Docket #110019

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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:23 AM

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Select County: LAKE

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: William Johnson Telephone: 3522592207

Email: wajohnson@comcast.net

Address: 5521 Grove Manor Lady Lake 32159

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: William Johnson

Account Number:

Address: 5521 Grove Manor Lady Lake Florida 32159

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Details:

My complaint is in reference to Doc. #110019. Accordingly, I wish to add my name to the list of protest filers. This sale was mismanaged from the beginning and should be halted. I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States. I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to them.

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From:

Diamond Williams

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From: CMSqtGodinez@aol.com [mailto:CMSqtGodinez@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 6:30 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk , Florida Public Service Commission

Ms. Ann Cole March 24, 2011 Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard *Oak* Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

SUBJECT: Docket No. 110019-WS -Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL, and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Original Certificate for an Existing

Wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and Charges, and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL

Dear Ms. Cole,

We write this letter to you with great concern, that the (our) water (and wastewater) systems of Harbor Hills Utilities, LP are being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUF).

While these negotiations were underway for the better part of nearly two years, we were unaware of this proposed sale, and only learned of it in January 2011 through the required PSC notice.

Not only because water is vital to our health, but also to our quality of life here in Harbor Hills, we oppose this transfer for the following reasons:

- The transfer of the water system to AUF is not in the public interest
- We question whether the proposed wastewater service documentation is accurate
- The notice which was provided to the residents was inaccurate and unclear
- I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States. I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to them.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Mark and Maria Godinez

From:

Ann Cole

Sent:

Monday, March 28, 2011 4:40 PM

To:

Mark Long

Cc:

Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Diamond Williams

Subject:

FW: Letter to Chairman

Attachments: Mr-Art-Graham-PSC-1.pdf

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From: Mark Long

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 3:50 PM

To: Ann Cole

Subject: Letter to Chairman

Please place the attached letter from Mr. Roger Wendelken in Docket No. 110019-WS. Thank you.

Mark Long
Office of Chairman Art Graham
Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0855 Phone: (850) 413-6022 Fax: (850) 413-6023

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March 24, 2011

Mr. Art Graham, Chair Florid Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Fl. 32399

Dear Mr. Graham,

I ,as well all of my neighbors have been advised that Harbor Hills Utilities, LP, our water and waste water supplier is being sold to Aqua Utilities Florida, inc. (Auf). PSC Docket no. 110019.

Negotiations for this sale have been underway for the better part of two years, residents were unaware of the proposed sale and the actual sale. The required PSC notice was delivered, undated long after the deal was consummated in January 2011.

I am strongly oppose this transfer, because water is vital to our health and the quality of life here in Harbor Hills. The following reasons are documented facts that pertain to Aqua's performance and practices.

- *The transfer of the water system is not in the public interest
- *AUF has a substantially poor track record in this state as well as others.
- *AUF accounts for a vast majority of complaints to your office
- *AUF has a history of seeking, and getting frequent and unsubstantiated rate increases
- *AUF has a history of providing technically potable water of far less than desirable quality. If the water, in some cases was put on a table in a restaurant, more than one agency would have them shut down. Why is AUF still in business?
- The reputation and performance record of AUF in this state as well as other states is documented and is highly questionable.

I request that the Public Service commission postpone any and all decisions relating to the transfer of certificate from Harbor Hill Utilities, LP., to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc

I have expressed my concerns as it pertains to Harbor Hills and Aqua. My real concern is that Aqua is sucking the life blood out of Florida, the impact on the economy, real-estate sales and foreclosures, the dollars that are being taken out of Florida and the quality of life that is being effected. This is all being done with the approval of the organization that is supposed to protect the consumer, that is your organization we are talking about.

I think it is time for the Public Service Commission to do a thorough investigation of Aqua Utilities Florida both past and present operations and business practices in the state of Florida prior to considering any request by Aqua for any increases in the state of Florida.

U.S. Senator Schumer from the State of New York has requested an official investigation into the policy and practices of Aqua, Florida needs to jump on that band wagon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I await your reply

Sincerely,

Roger Wendelken rgw@embarqmail.com

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DATE:

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TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Marshall Willis, Director, Division of Economic Regulation

RE:

Docket No. 110019-WS - Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for original certificate for an existing wastewater system, request for initial rates and charges for Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater system, amendment of wastewater Certificate No. 120-S, in Lake County, to include Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater service area; and application for approval of transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., amendment of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.s' water Certificate No. 106-W, in Lake County, to include the Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water service territory, and cancellation of Harbor Hills

Utilities, L.P.'s water Certificate No. 522-W.

Please place the attached letter received from Senator D. Alan Hays on the correspondence side of the above Docket File. Thank you.

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March 24, 2011

Mr. Tim Devlin, Executive Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL

Dear Director Devlin,

It has come to my attention that Aqua Utilities is attempting to purchase the existing water and wastewater system at Harbor Hills development in Lady Lake, FL.

Will you please do everything in your power to delay this acquisition for a reasonable time in order for the residents of that beautiful area to make alternative arrangements? The history of abhorrent rate increases granted Aqua Utilities across other areas of the state is frightening and I do not wish for them to be able to exercise such increases any longer nor on any other constituents of mine.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and please let me know if there is anything I may do to assist you. I am sending this both via email as well as a hard copy to your office.

Sincerely,

D. Alan Hays, DMD

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Dear Ms. Cole,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

We have been a 13 year resident and taxpayer in Harbor Hills Subdivision, Lady Lake FI, and we have recently learned of the pending sale of our water system to Aqua Utilities FI. I have strong concerns of the sale to Aqua Utilities and their negative impact on the quality of water, customer service, rate hikes, and our lifestyle in general. In doing research, aqua utilities does not appear to have the consumers' best interest in mind. Public records indicate an extraordinary amount of controversy in their policy, enormous rate increases and pending law suits.

We strongly oppose the transfer to Aqua Utilities FI. It is not in Harbor Hills best interest to allow the certificate to transfer. We are not opposed to the sale of Harbor Hills Water system, just not to Aqua Utilities.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

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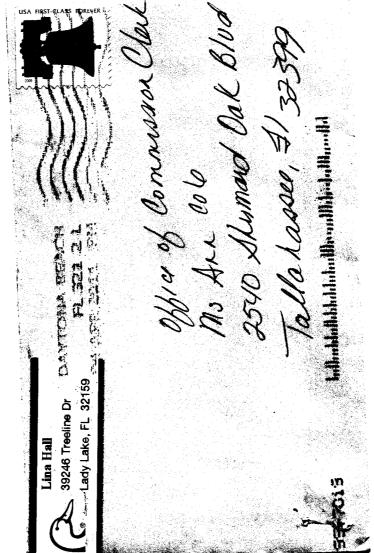
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- I believe the reputation and performance record of AUF is highly questionable based on the facts of past experience in Florida and other States. I request that the Public Service Commission do a thorough investigation on past and present operations in the State of Florida, prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities, LP certificate to them.

 It is NOT in the best interest of the residents of the State to even consider a company that is being investigated in other States.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Battaglihi

Cc: D. Bruce May, Jr. Holland & Knight

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PO Box 118 Lady Lake, Florida 323158

March 31, 2011

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Dear Commissioners:

We know that the PSC is a diligent group who work hard for the citizens of Florida. We trust that you will take notice of the information below.

The undersigned officers and directors of the Property Owners of Harbor Hills, representing over 500 residents, object to the Certificate of Transfer from Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Florida for the following reasons.

- 1. We do not believe that Harbor Hills Utilities and its owner Yale University Foundation (owner of all entities in the community of Harbor Hills and a non-profit organization) can soundly and in the best interests of the public sell a portion of their total structure to a direct profit maximizing ownership.
- 2. The transfer indeed is certainly not in the best of public interest.
- 3. There have never been charges for wastewater in the sections of Harbor Hills that are connected to the sewerage system as per the home purchase agreements. Charging for this will suddenly ensure a hardship on many households and perhaps be illegal.
- 4. The proposed waste water rates seem to totally ignore, and fail to advise the Commission, that the largest and dominant user of the wastewater system is a for-profit, commercial enterprise owned by Harbor Hills Country Club. The application should be tabled and deferred until the applicant details its

proposed commercial wastewater rates and the methodology and justification for computing them.

- 5. Aqua Florida has a substantially poor track record throughout the state and nation because of inadequate service and perpetually increasing rates. Just note their complaint record, which should be in your files.
- 6. Aqua Florida has a history of seeking and getting unsubstantiated rate increases purportedly to expand and enhance their product and service without doing it.
- 7. Aqua Florida has a record of not providing excellent water quality to their clients. This can become a major health issue, thus our concern.

We hereby request the PSC to do a thorough investigation on past and present operations of Aqua Florida in the State of Florida prior to transferring the Harbor Hills Utilities certificate to them.

Respectfully yours,

Nancy Ridge, President & Director

Director

William Reitmeier, V. President &

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Property Owners of Harbor Hills, Inc. P.O. Box 118 Lady Lake, Florida 32158



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Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Marguerite H. McLean Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 850-413-6770

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Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 11:43 AM

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Subject: Docket 110019 - letter from interested party is attached.

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-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. . . .

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Submitted on behalf of myself, Philip K. Olson

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TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Cristina Slaton, Executive Secretary to Commissioner Balbis

RE:

Docket Correspondence – 110019-WS

Ann,

Please place the attached correspondence sent to the Office of Commissioner Balbis in the correspondence folder for docket number 110019-WS This letter is from Robert and Jessica Carlton of Harbor Hills, FL. Thank you.

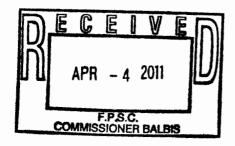
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Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Commissioner Balbis,

We are writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny AQUA Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for a transfer of the waste-water certificate from Harbor Hills Utilities pursuant to Docket No. 110019-WS, as it is not in the best interest of the public and, in particular, your constituents. Despite AQUA's assertions in its application, "The proposed acquisition would place the water and wastewater operations of the Harbor Hills water and wastewater system in the hands of an experienced company and industry leader whose sole focus in the provision of high quality water and wastewater service at reasonable prices." AQUA's track record is contrary to this. The horror stories of ever-increasing, excessive rates, billing nightmares, poor water quality, and inadequate service, abound throughout AQUA's service areas to include Florida. Chuluota, Seminole County is experiencing, on average, 3 times the cost for water and sewage that nearby Oviedo is paying. Seminole County is working to purchase back the system from AQUA, but has not agreed to a valuation as yet. AQUA is saying that the value is about 4 times the valuation specified by Seminole County. The residents of Harbor Hills do not want to be faced with this situation. Additionally, AQUA is responsible for the great majority of complaints to the PSC by consumers, and they have also been fined for their billing problems. We, along with my neighbors, your constituents, urge you to ensure that Aqua's request for the transfer of the certificate be denied.



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Re: Docket No. 110019-WS

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Dear Commissioners:

I am an interested party. Contrary to public statement made by Aqua Utilities that water charges will not increase, docket submissions by Aqua Utilities show that water charges will increase. Details and docket citations follow:

Harbor Hills Utilities bills bi-monthly. My last water bill from Harbor Hills Utilities was \$36.74 (water base \$17.17 plus water usage \$19.57). That bill shows that the water base rate for the two month period is \$17.17.

Page 78 of document 00205-11.pdf in docket 110018 is an Aqua Utilities document showing:

"RATE SCHEDULE: HARBOR HILLS RESIDENTIAL SERVICE (RS)

BILLING PERIOD: Monthly

RATE: Base Facility Charge \$17.17"

Simple math (\$17.17 times six versus \$17.17 times twelve) means that the moment Aqua Utilities takes over my yearly cost of water will increase by \$103.02.

This is a direct contradiction of the Aqua Utilities statement:

"Aqua does not propose to change rates pursuant to this application". Please refer to Page 14 of document 00514-11.pdf for the source of this quote.

Sincerely,

s/Philip K Olson

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We strongly oppose the sale of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. Numerous reports speak to Aqua Utilities' questionable business and environmental/health practices both in Florida and throughout the US and to its total disregard for its' customers. Given what is known about Aqua Utilities, the PSC's approval of this sale would completely undermine the FPSC's mission of "To facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair price".

We request that the residents of Harbor Hills be given a reasonable time to make alternative arrangements for the purchase of Harbor Hills Utilities.

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Sincerely.

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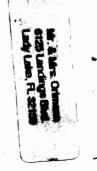
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Gentlemen: I hereby request that the Public Service Commission reject the Aqua Utilities, Fl. acquisition of the Harbor Hills Utilities for the following reasons:

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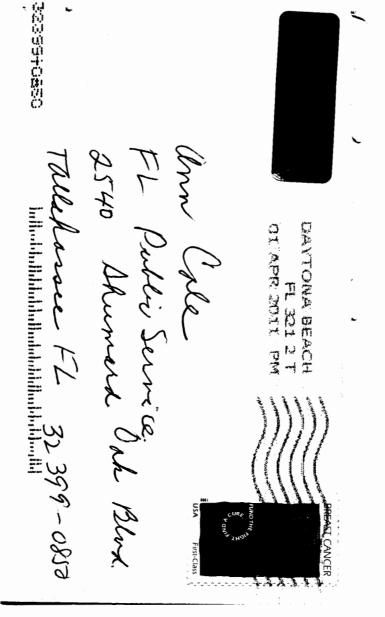
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- c. The notice provided to the residents of Harbor Hills was inaccurate and confusing.
- d. Accuracy of the wastewater documentation is not confirmed

We respectfully request that the Public Service Commission take into consideration the performance record of AUF in its consideration of the proposed transfer. Why would the PSC authorize a company to do business in the State of Florida with such a questionable customer service reputation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Dunham

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Sincerely,

CC:

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Tallahassee FL 32301

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Ms. Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 COMMISSION CLERK

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Dear Ms. Cole,

As residents of the Harbor Hills Community in Lady Lake, Florida, my wife and I have received a significant amount of negative information regarding the reputation of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUFI). It is our understanding that your Commission is in the process of considering whether or not to approve the transfer of ownership of our community's water supply system from the neighborhood developer to AUFI.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if your Commission is aware that AUFI has a reputation for acquiring established water supply systems and imposing extremely high rate increases at the earliest opportunity and then failing to use those increases to properly maintain those systems. If so, could you please provide us with your interpretation of these apparently quite well substantiated rumors?

We are hoping for your assurance that these negative reports have little or no foundation and that we can stop worrying about the future of our water supply system.

Sincerely,

Talmadge W. Reed 38720 Oak Place Court Lady Lake, Florida 32159

cc. Honorable Alan Hays
Florida State Senator
1104 Main St.
The Villages, FL 32159

Honorable Marlene O'Toole Florida State Representative 916 Avenida Central The Villages, FL 32159

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DATE:

April 1, 2011

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Sharon Allbritton, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director

RE:

Correspondence for Docket No. 110019-WS

Please place the attached correspondence in the correspondence side of Docket File 110019-WS - Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s application for original certificate for an existing wastewater system, request for initial rates and charges for Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater system, amendment of wastewater Certificate No. 120-S, in Lake County, to include Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s wastewater service area; and application for approval of transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water system to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., amendment of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.s' water Certificate No. 106-W, in Lake County, to include the Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water service territory, and cancellation of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s water Certificate No. 522-W.

Thank you.

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20th District

March 24, 2011

Mr. Tim Devlin, Executive Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL

Dear Director Devlin,

It has come to my attention that Aqua Utilities is attempting to purchase the existing water and wastewater system at Harbor Hills development in Lady Lake, FL.

Will you please do everything in your power to delay this acquisition for a reasonable time in order for the residents of that beautiful area to make alternative arrangements? The history of abhorrent rate increases granted Aqua Utilities across other areas of the state is frightening and I do not wish for them to be able to exercise such increases any longer nor on any other constituents of mine.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and please let me know if there is anything I may do to assist you. I am sending this both via email as well as a hard copy to your office.

Sincerely,

D. Alan Hays, DMD

State Senator

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Sharon Allbritton

From: T

Tim Devlin

Sent:

Thursday, March 31, 2011 3:21 PM

To:

Sharon Allbritton

Subject: FW: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

From: CORNWELL.NANCI.S20 [mailto:CORNWELL.NANCI.S20@flsenate.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 12:28 PM

To: Tim Devlin

Subject: RE: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

Thanks for letting me know Tim, I will let the Senator know. - Nanci

From: Tim Devlin [mailto:TDevlin@PSC.STATE.FL.US]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 12:27 PM

To: CORNWELL.NANCI.S20

Subject: RE: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

Thanks Nanci. After talking with staff, we plan on setting this for hearing. I will keep your office apprised. I don't think the hearing will be before September. There have been some problems with Aqua's application.

From: CORNWELL.NANCI.S20 [mailto:CORNWELL.NANCI.S20@flsenate.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 10:26 AM

To: Tim Devlin

Subject: FW: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

Sorry Tim,

Forgot the state part of the email address. 3rd try is the charm. – Nanci

From: CORNWELL.NANCI.S20

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 10:24 AM

To: 'tdevlin@psc.fl.us'

Subject: FW: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

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Tim, 2nd try. - N

From: CORNWELL.NANCI.S20

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 9:42 AM

To: 'tdevlin@psc.fl.us'

Subject: Senator Hays Letter RE: acqua utilities

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Tim,

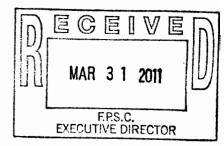
This is the letter that Senator Hays discussed with you. Let me know if you have any questions. I dropped a hard copy in the mail yesterday. Thanks, Nanci

Nanci Cornwell

Senator D. Alan Hays Senior Legislative Assistant

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Email: Marlene.Otoole@myfloridahouse.gov State Representative, District 42

Mr. Tim Devlin, Executive Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Devlin,

I am writing to make you aware of a situation involving some of my constituents. Aqua Utilities Florida is preparing to purchase the water systems currently owned by the Harbor Hills community in Lady Lake, Florida. The residents are requesting that this decision be delayed to allow them additional time to arrive at a solution which will better serve their interests.

I respectfully request that the PSC delay this decision, as I believe this to be in the best interest of my constituents.

I would also like to mention that, at my request, the Office of Public Counsel had a representative in attendance at a meeting of concerned Harbor Hills residents earlier this month.. Mr. Riley met briefly with me in Tallahassee after the meeting, and he will provide me with his thoughts and recommendations.

Please call me with any questions. This is a very concerned group of homeowners.

Sincerely,

State Representative H. Marlene O'Toole

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March 31, 2011

The Honorable H. Marlene O'Toole Representative, District 42 222 The Capitol 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Representative O'Toole:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 29, 2011, wherein you requested the Florida Public Service Commission delay its decision on the purchase of water systems owned by the Harbor Hills Community in Lady Lake, Florida, by Aqua Utilities Florida.

We will be providing an opportunity for customers to have input on this issue and will also be scheduling a hearing later in the year. The absolute earliest the hearing will be scheduled will be September 2011. The exact dates for these meetings have not yet been determined, however, these meetings will be noticed so that your constituents will be aware of them and can plan to attend these meetings.

If this office can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely

Tim Devlin

Executive Director

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Ms Ann Cole Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0850

Re: Transfer of Water Certificate From Harbor Hills Utilities to Aqua Utilities

I have done a lot of investigation on Aqua Utilities and am very much against this transfer due to their performance record and their enormous rate hikes in Florida and other states as well. This transfer is not in my best interest or anyone else for that matter.

If you want an education on this company go on line and read the stories. They in themselves speak volumes.

I have lived in Harbor Hills for eleven years now and would not like to see our water quality destroyed or have to pay exorbitant price for poor water.

Keep Aqua out of here, please!

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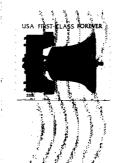
Very truly yours

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Sincerely,

Frank & Carol Ferri

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SUBJECT: Docket No. 110019-WS -Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Approval of Transfer of Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P.'s Water System to Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. and Amendment of Certificate in Lake County, FL, and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.'s Application for Original Certificate for an Existing Wastewater System, Request for Initial Rates and Charges, and Amendment of Certificate ficate 1 APR - 8 APR 9: 43 in Lake County, FL.

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Sincerely,

HJ Brady

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Water, along with air, is one of only two items essential to life itself. Existing law mandates that a homeowners' association must be given the right of first refusal whenever recreational facilities serving the community are offered for sale. It's ironic that this right of first refusal is not granted to the community involving a life sustaining service as water. Your decision to investigate AUF operations will be applauded by the residents of Harbor Hills and many other Floridians.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Representative Marlene O'Toole and Senator Alan Hays

Mr. Ralph Udick 39245 Tacoma Dr Lady Lake, FL 32159-6009

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Diane Hood

From:

Ralph Udick [eeiralph@embarqmail.com]

Sent:

Thursday, April 07, 2011 10:54 PM

To:

Consumer Contact

Subject:

Docket No. 110019-WS-Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. Application

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Dear Ms. Cole:

Attached is my letter to you and the FPSC in pdf. A copy is also being mailed to you by First Class mail.

Ralph Udick

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LETTER VIA EMAIL

April 7, 2011

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Ralph A. Udick

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Public Service Commission

April 8, 2011



Mr. Ralph A. Udick 39245 Tacoma Drive Lady Lake, FL 32159-6009

RE: PSC Inquiry 1003097C

Dear Mr. Udick:

COMMISSIONERS:

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> This is in response to your E-mail to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding Harbor Hills Utilities, L.P. (Harbor Hills Utilities) and Aqua Utilities Florida, Incorporated (Aqua Utilities).

> You expressed a concern about Aqua Utilities' application to transfer Harbor Hills Utilities' water system to Aqua Utilities. We appreciate your comments regarding the application and will add your correspondence to Docket No. 110019-WS.

> If you have any questions or concerns please call Ellen Plendl at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

> > Sincerely,

Randy Roland

Regulatory Program Administrator Division of Service, Safety &

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Re: Harbor Hills/ Aqua Utilities: (Docket # 110019)

OBJECTIONS BASED THE APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS AND ON AQUA'S RESPONSE TO DEFICIENCIES OUTLINED BY COMMISSION STAFF FILED BY AQUA ON 3/8/2011; OBJECTIONS BASED ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN AQUA AND HARBOR HILLS; OBJECTIONS BASED UPON THE LEGAL PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN COHN V. THE GRAND CONDOMINIUM, ASSN.; MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS; AND REQUEST TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE.

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

The undersigned makes the following additional objections to the pending Applications of Aqua Utilities, based upon matters, facts, and omissions relating to their submission of 2/8/2011 and other matters. Therefore further objection is made to the current pending Aqua Applications, and each of them, and to the proposed water scheme for Harbor Hills as not being in the public interest and more specifically as follows

I. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSALS AND THE CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT #279- ATTACHMENT 2.

Agua's counsel states that the St. Johns Water Management District permit held by Harbor Hills' Utility has been split into two: [1] Utility usage and [2] Golf course irrigation. The former is attached as Permit 279.

- 1. Objection is made to the failure to file the golf course permit.
- 2. Objection is made to the failure to state who will pay for pumps P5, P6, and P7 and for the dual potable and irrigation lines to supply Bella Vista Phase 6 and Phase 7.

- 3. Objection is made to the failure to identify which specific legal entity will supply irrigation water to Bella Vista, Phase 6 and Phase 7.
- 4. Objection is made to the retention of a partial Certificate in Harbor Hills Utility entity without a tariff for Bella Vista surface water for irrigation. Query whether it will provide lake water under its retained golf course CUP or through CUP #729. In either even, if the plan contemplated by the Agua Applications is to provide free irrigation water to Bella Vista, but not all Harbor Hills residents, objection is made to that. Currently "the Blue Tops" get lake water for irrigation but are charged for it. The proposal for Phase 6 and Phase 7 appears to provide lake water for irrigation free, thereby presumably enhancing the developer's sale of lots. The Grove neighborhood of 99 homes gets lake water for irrigation free. Meanwhile the Harbor Hills Homeowner's Association common areas and Phases 1-5 (500 homes approximately), pay potable water rates for irrigation at considerable cash cost to them for water and significant negative impact on their market value compared to Bella Vista; and the developer's golf course and perhaps its other owned areas get free lake water for irrigation. What the plans are for the developer's undeveloped hundreds of acres is not detailed in the Applications and permits. The applicant should be required to provide historical irrigation volume and rate data and projected irrigation volume and rate data for all of these locations classified by source and quality of water proposed.
- 5. Objection is made to failure to establish that the proposed water scheme will comply with the water scheme originally approved in the Harbor Hills Planned Unit Development ordinance, which contemplated one single, unified system with equality of service and rates for all.
- 6. Objection is made to the failure to provide system maps relating to each and every location here involved, including current home sites, future home sites, current commercial sites, future commercial sites, current recreational sites, future recreational sites, and all other lands owned by all of the Harbor Hills entities of each and every legal form, as the case may be, developer showing the ownership of each site and location, and outlining the types of water to be provided, by whom, at what charge, so that more specific objections may be made. Request is made to keep the time for objections open until 30 days following notice of filing of such maps.
- 7. Objection is made to the failure to supply the water conservation rate structure which was due 3/31/2011.
- 8. Objection is made to the failure to indicate the extent to which reclaimed water is available to Phase 6 and Phase 7.
- 9. Objection is made to the failure to provide the annual tabulated water usage data for 2009.

- 10. Objection is made to the failure of Permit 279 to state with clarity which functions it is proposed Harbor Hills Utility will perform and which functions Aqua Utility will perform under the proposal.
- 11. Objection is made that the proposal, the permits, the contract between the parties, and the Applications do not provide for a single, unified system of irrigation water service and rates for the entire Harbor Hills development, now and in the future.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

II. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE PROPOSED CUSTOMER DEPOSIT TARIFF- ATTACHMENT 3.

- 1. Objection is made that the proposed tariff fails to distinguish between credit worthy versus the not credit worthy.
- 2. Objection is made that the proposed tariff fails to state who bears the costs for homes in foreclosure.
- 3. Objection is made that the proposed tariff fails to state the details of late fees, interest payments, notice of cut offs, cut-off procedures, and other aspects relating to delinquent accounts.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

III. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE PROPOSED BILLING CYCLE AND FACILITY CHARGE- COUNSEL'S LETTER AT PARA. 7, P. 4.

1. Objection is made to the proposal to charge a facility charge each month. The current facility charge is billed bi-monthly. To make the this a monthly fee unlawfully raises potable water rates to all Harbor Hills residents without a rate application and a rate hearing.

For the foregoing reason approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

IV. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE SECOND NOTICE

RECEIVED BY THIS PARTY ON MARCH 11, 2011-ATTACHMENT 6.

- 1. Objection is made to the lack of clarity of this notice relative to rates and charges. Are there 2 charges, 3 charges, or 4 charges, viz., Base Facility Charge, Gallonage Charge, General Service Charge, second Gallonage Charge. As a result of this lack of clarity, the entire matter should be re-noticed one more time before any additional action or procedure is taken in this matter.
- 2. Objection is made to a Base Facility Charge and a General Service Charge on a monthly basis, if these refer to potable water, as appearing to be unlawful rate increases as noted above.
- 3. Objection is made in its entirety to this notice if it relates in any form to potable water.
- 4. Objection is made to the failure to state commercial rates.
- 5. Objection is made to the failure to require commercial users to pay the entire cost relating to the difference between average minimum demand and average maximum demand, since the need to have and maintain a wastewater facility to accommodate the difference is due solely to the varying needs and volatility of demand of the commercial users, not the residential users.
- 6. Objection is made to the failure to calculate maximum commercial demand, the facilities related to service it, and the proper allocation of rates to accommodate same...

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

V. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO STAFF-NOTED DEFICIENCY #10.

1. Objection is made to the recital that all wastewater customers will be residential. See my letter of 3/12/2011.

For the foregoing reason approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

VI. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO STAFF-NOTED DEFICIENCY #11.

1. Objection is made to the apparent omission of all of the Harbor Hills commercial

entities from the calculations of customers, gallons, proposed wastewater rates, averages, projections, ERCs, build-outs, gallonage charges, and all other calculations.

- 2. Objection is made to the failure to state volumes of historical potable water usage at each of the commercial sites generally and separately.
- 3. Objection is made to the failure to state historical wastewater volumes of usage at each of the commercial sites generally and separately.
- 4. Objection is made to projections which omit the commercial entities now and into the future generally and separately.
- 5. Objection is made to the ERC calculation and assumptions and data underlying the calculations, to the extent counsel's response has overlooked them in his response and to the extent they are embodied in the Applications.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

VII. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS-ATTACHMENT 7.

1. See Section II above which objections are incorporated here.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

VIII. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT- ATTACHMENT 8.

- 1. Objection is made to failure to file a copy of an application to renew this permit, said application having been due 3-2-2011, 180 days prior to the expiration of the permit.
- 2. Objection is made for failure to file an updated capacity analysis required as a part of the renewal application.
- 3. Objection is made for failure to file a detailed operation and maintenance performance report required as a part of the renewal application.
- 4. Counsel has referred to Harbor Hills Utility "currently installing additional required

water plant to the existing plant". In this connection objection is made for failure to file its application for revision of the permit as required at Para. 16 of the permit which would establish the facts of the need and the condition of the plant.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

IX. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO STAFF-NOTED DEFICIENCY #15.

- 1. Objection is made for failure to provide the maps for water and wastewater and irrigation water called for on a timely basis enabling review and objections as required or indicated.
- 2. Objection is made for failure to disclose and include system maps for water and wastewater and irrigation water for the many hundreds of developable acres owned by the Harbor Hills entities for development to the north of Lake Griffin Rd.
- 3. Objection is made for failure to disclose and include system maps for water and wastewater and irrigation water for the yet to be platted acres between the shores of Lake Griffin and Lake Griffin Rd.
- 4. Objection is made to the failure to disclose and include system maps for all irrigation lines and indicating which are using potable water and which are using surface water and which are using reclaimed water from Lake Griffin, to all Harbor Hills areas currently and into the future, including but not limited to the areas around the commercial entities, the golf course areas, the tennis court areas, the driving range areas, the recreational areas, the Blue Top recreational area, the commercial area, boulevard areas, hardscape areas at Village entries, the 3 entry gate areas, the Bella Vista entry gate area, the club house park area, the swimming pool area, the marina area.

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X. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE CONTRACT BETWEEN AQUA AND HARBOR HILLS

- 1. Objection is made to the proposal as set forth at Para. 1.2 (b) of the contract which provides that Harbor Hills retains an insufficient part of the Consumptive Use Permit relating to the golf course and does not retain any of the Utility Usage Permit [Permit 279], see part II above, thereby failing to create a uniform system for irrigation water service and rate structure for the entire Harbor Hills development.
- 2. Objection is made to the assumptions and accounting conventions that lead to the

conclusion at Para. 1.3 that the water service asset is worth in excess of \$500,000 as compared with the values placed upon the other assets being purchased.

- 3. Objection is made to the failure of Para. 1.4 to provide that Harbor Hills is bound by, and Aqua assumes in their entirety the provisions of Lake County ordinance 44-90 including, but not limited to, failing to recite the requirements of Para. V., 2, E. of said ordinance.
- 4. Objection is made to the provisions of Para. 7.1 and to the proposal generally since they fail to provide clarity, detail, and fairness concerning the future plans and expectations for potable water, irrigation water, and wastewater service and rate structure for the entire Harbor Hills development. For example, the fact that Harbor Hills Utility charges a certain residential area in Harbor Hills called "the Blue Tops" for irrigation water from the lake, and at its option, may or may not charge Phase 6 and Phase 7 of Bella Vista, and charges most other residents for potable water for irrigation, and at its option may or may not charge the golf course, common areas and lands owned by the developer for irrigation water (whether potable, surface or reclaimed) is a balkanized system with an uncertain future to the detriment of homeowners. These ambiguities must be corrected and a single system of potable and irrigation water and single rate structure equal for everyone for the entire development must be required.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications are not in the public interest.

XI. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN COHN V. THE GRAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION.

1. Approval of the proposals here would amount to an unlawful amendment of the contractual arrangement governing Harbor Hills contained in the declarations of Harbor Hills and the Harbor Hills Planned Unit Development ordinance concerning the economic structure and water utility framework of Harbor Hills. As such it would violate the legal and constitutional standards of the recent Florida Supreme Court case of Cohn v. The Grand Condominium Association. See Cohn v. The Grand Condominium Association, (Florida Sup. Ct. 3/31/2011). Specifically the contractual arrangement set out in the declarations and the Planned Unit Development (PUD)ordinance for Harbor Hills that authorized its creation, specifies expressly one unified system of service and rates for the entirety of Harbor Hills homeowners for potable water, and irrigation water.

The Commission, at the behest of the Applicant and in collaboration with the conditional agreement it has with Harbor Hill Utility, is being asked to approve a <u>"checker board"</u> quilt of services and rates, for irrigation water depending on a homeowner's location

within Harbor Hills. This outcome violates Article II, A. 1. Of the Harbor Hills PUD authorization, Lake County ordinance 44-90, which provides in pertinent part as follows: "A central water treatment plant shall be provided to serve the entire development." [emphasis supplied].

It must also be highlighted that from the beginning of Harbor Hills, in Phase 1, all the way through to phase 5, all homeowners were in these 5 phases of the development, (with the exception of the "Blue Tops" that are charged a fee for surface water) and still are to this day, required by the design and construction of Harbor Hills to use expensive potable water from the water treatment facilities for irrigation of their lawns. And they are trapped and estopped by the declarations from drilling their own wells.

Under the proposal before the Commission the homeowners of Bella Vista Phases 6 and 7 which are in the very early stages of build-out, having just 4 of 140 planned homes presently, as well as the developer's commercial areas or at least some, apparently will get free surface water for irrigation, the residents of the "Blue Tops" will get surface water but pay for it, and the remaining current residents, 450 or so, will bet expensive potable water to irrigate with. This outcome amounts to a radical and unlawful violation of the Harbor Hills scheme of uniformity required by its declarations and the PUD ordinance which is according to its terms "...shall constitute a covenant running with the land... and shall be binding upon the present owner and any successor, and shall be subject to each and every condition herein set out. Ordinance 44-90, art. V, 2. C (emphasis supplied). This violates the principles set forth in Cohn.

- 2. Objection is also made bases upon the fact that the proposal before the commission, or related proposals, affecting all Aqua water customers, appears also to throw the Harbor Hills rate structure now, or in the near future, into a pool of water utilities owned by Aqua throughout Florida or throughout central Florida that will impose socialized high rates on Harbor Hills. Harbor Hills is a Planned Unit Development with a contractual, legal and water framework of its own. To attempt to spread rates across disparate water systems that has no conceivable relationship the Harbor Hills PUD and has every conceivable relationship to the business interests of Aqua. This, too, outcome would violate the legal principles and requirements in Cohn.
- 3. Without waiving the foregoing legal claims for complete application of Cohn principles, objection is also made that the Applications make no attempt whatsoever to provide a development-wide system of irrigation water, as required under the declarations, the PUD, and the reasoning of Cohn.
- 4. Without waiving the foregoing legal claims for complete application of the Cohn principles, at a minimum the Commission should require Aqua and the developer to create a an "entire development-wide" scheme for the sharing of irrigation water costs

with equalized water rates by volume for all irrigation water users in the "entire development" regardless of water source and quality assessable against all homes and future homes in Harbor Hills. Anything less would do violence to the homeowners rights based upon the promise of equal protection of law, and, in this case, contract and constitutional due process considerations, and, frankly public interest considerations as well.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS

- 1. Objection is made to proposals based upon the fact that the developer retains present and future unilateral control to amend the declarations of Harbor Hills in any manner, including matters involving potable water, surface water, irrigation water, and including such future changes as might economically benefit the developer and harm homeowners. The variety of such changes that the developer might contemplate is presently unknowable. But the existence of the developer's power to amend declarations, to apply for creative permit conditions, and to pursue its economic advantages is clear and present. It must also be remembered that the Harbor Hills Homeowners' Association remains developer-controlled.
- 2. Objection is made based upon the homeowners' economic disadvantage created in the Harbor Hills declarations by the provision prohibiting homeowners from drilling their own water wells, although on information and belief, Lake County would approve the same, absent the declarations.
- 3. Objection is made to the proposals based upon the reality or future risk of inclusion of Harbor Hills' homeowner' water rates in a statewide or region wide Aqua rate scheme designed to spread or average costs from high cost systems among the water utilities it owns to lower cost systems, because Harbor Hills has a low cost system and Harbor Hills residents should enjoy the benefit of the bargain they entered into when the purchased their homes in Harbor Hills, said purchases benefiting from the declarations and contractual obligations then existing at the time of purchase and the express and implied promises relating thereto. The practice of averaging capital, operating, and maintenance costs, rates of return, and rate structures across multiple water systems will unfairly raise water rates to Harbor Hills residents and have a negative effect on the resale value of Harbor Hills homes.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

XIII. OBJECTIONS INVOLVING THE PROPOSALS AND THE AQUA HISTORY OF SERVICE COMPLAINTS: AND REQUEST TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE.

1. Objection is made to the proposals herein on the basis of all facts and information admissible under the administrative rules of evidence, contained in the files and records and data heretofore filed in all dockets and proceedings in the possession of the Florida Public Service Commission relating in any manner to customer complaints from Florida consumers about Aqua Utilities Florida, its history of service, its rates, and its business model. Request is made that the Commission take judicial/administrative notice of all of said facts and information in its consideration of this matter.

For the foregoing reasons approval of the Aqua Applications is not in the public interest.

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