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From: Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 11:23 AM
To: 'Bob Lordan'
Subject: RE: Sewer Rate Increase

Good morning.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 150102-SU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Have a good day,

Angela Charles
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From: Bob Lordan [<mailto:lordanr@verizon.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 11:12 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Sewer Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

I currently own a condominium at Cape Haze Resort on Placida Rd., Placida Fl. It has come to my attention that Utilities, Inc. of Sandhaven is requesting an increase of over 100% in sewer rates. Condominium owners are currently paying \$62.29/5000 gal. of waste water per month which already \$15.29 per month more than the average rate for other Charlotte County households. Englewood sewer district is paying \$37.72/5000 gal. of waste water per month. Cape Haze Resort home owners are **currently** paying almost 40% higher rates than Englewood homeowners! Punta Gorda home owners are paying an average of \$32.59/5000 gal. of waste water per month. A rate that is currently almost 50% lower than Cape Haze Resort home owners. Most condominiums at Cape Haze Resort are occupied for only 3 or 4 months of the year. A 148% rate increase is preposterous and unaffordable by vast majority of home owners.

Cape Haze Resort home owners are already paying unreasonably high sewer rates, water rates, real estate taxes and flood insurance rates. Charlotte county fees and taxes are becoming so high that a retiree on a fixed income can no longer afford to spend the winter months living here. If the sewer rate increase is approved, I will sell my condominium and spend my winter months in another county with lower fees and taxes. I'm afraid that Charlotte county is becoming an unwelcoming and unaffordable place for "snow birds" to retire.

Sewer rates are already unreasonably high for Cape Haze Resort owners. Please deny any rate increase.

Sincerely,

Robert Lordan
Cape Haze Resort Home Owner