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DATE: April 1, 2016
TO: Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Martha F. Barrera, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
RE: Docket Number 150269-WS - Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

Please place the attached correspondence from Chairman Julie I. Brown to Senator Simpson and Speaker-Designate Corcoran in the referenced docket file.

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Attachment

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JULIE I. BROWN
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March 31, 2016

Senator Wilton Simpson
5612 Grand Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran
17953 Hunting Bow Circle, Suite 101
Lutz, FL 33558

Dear Senator Simpson and Speaker-Designate Corcoran:

Thank you for your letter regarding the rate increase requested by Utilities, Inc., dated March 31, 2016. I am pleased that you are planning to attend and speak at one of the Public Service Commission's ("PSC") scheduled customer meetings in Pasco County on April 12, 2016, as your input is much appreciated. As you know, these customer meetings are put on by PSC's staff, however, it is my understanding that one or more Commissioners may be attending a meeting, as the public notice reflects. I will personally be attending the 9:00 a.m. meeting on that date, and look forward to hearing from the public on these very important matters.

As public servants, we know how imperative it is to have customer input before making any decision, and it is even more highlighted given the consideration of The Consumer Water Protection Act ("The Act"). My colleagues and I prudently and thoroughly review the merits of the cases before us with careful consideration of the public interest, and public comment is an essential part of the process.

I appreciate your interest and representation of your constituents in these matters. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this case or any other matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie I. Brown".

Julie I. Brown
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor of Florida
Secretary Jon Steverson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Braulio Baez, Executive Director, Florida Public Service Commission
Commissioner Ronald Brisé
Commissioner Lisa Edgar
Summertree Water Alliance
Commissioner Jimmy Patronis
Commissioner Art Graham