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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Dockets 150269-WS & 160101-WS
Attachments: FW Governor's Assignment Case Number 626,427 EOG000450557; robert-huges-response.pdf

See attached correspondence and PSC reply to add to the correspondence side of Dockets 150269-WS & 160101-WS.

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January 19, 2017

Mr. Robert Hughes
11214 Kiskadee Circle
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RE: FPSC Inquiry 1233653C

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Governor's Office of Citizen Services forwarded your correspondence to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) about Utilities, Inc. of Florida's (UIF) rate petition. We appreciate your correspondence, and it has been included in both open UIF Docket files (150269-WS and 160101-WS) for consideration.

FPSC customer service hearings will be held in January and February 2017, throughout UIF's service area for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about UIF's rate request and service. In addition to all correspondence provided to the FPSC, customer comments made during those hearings will be reviewed and considered when FPSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on UIF's proposed rates.

The FPSC's evidentiary hearing on UIF's rate case will be held in Tallahassee, tentatively slated for May 2017. Witnesses from UIF, FPSC staff, and the Office of Public Counsel, who represents customers, will present testimony and exhibits and be cross-examined by the Commissioners and other parties. The Commission will carefully consider all evidence before making a decision.

If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call 1-800-342-3552. If you would like updated case information, please visit the FPSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160101-WS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda L. Hicks".

Rhonda L. Hicks, Chief
Bureau of Consumer Assistance

RLH:mep

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From: Randy Roland
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Ellen Plendl
Subject: FW: Governor's Assignment | Case Number: 626,427 | EOG:000450557
Attachments: 626427,hughes.pdf

Please handle this when you return. Hope you are feeling better.

From: CRM.CitizenServices [<mailto:CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Randy Roland
Subject: Governor's Assignment | Case Number: 626,427 | EOG:000450557

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Description

Note
cc:PSC docket no, 150269-utilities, inc. for Florida, limited rate proceeding docket no, 160101-utilities, inc. for Florida, consolidated rate cases

Case Assignment

Assigned To:		Case Stage:	NRN- Closed/Resolved

You have an assignment from the Executive Office of the Governor. Please have staff review and respond as appropriate.

It is not necessary to send follow up information to the Office of Citizen Services unless it is deemed appropriate by agency staff.

To send information on this case, please respond to this email or send an email to CRM.CitizenServices@eog.myflorida.com

If a unit or agency is incorrectly assigned a case, please respond to this email and note which agency should receive the assignment.

Sincerely,

Kristie Jemmott

Office of Citizen Services

Executive Office of the Governor

Letter to Governor Scott

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NRN May
cc: PSC

November , 2016

The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 150269 – Utilities, Inc. of Florida, Limited Rate Proceeding
Docket No. 160101 – Utilities, Inc. of Florida, Consolidated Rate Case

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DUE: 2.1.17
NRN

Dear Governor Scott,

I am a Summertree resident asking you to let the Florida Public Service Commission, Senate and House of Representatives know that you support our efforts to have our State Legislators review and modify outdated statutes related to Water/Wastewater Utilities.

The Pasco/UIF Summertree Bulk Water Agreement was signed on August 9, 2016. Our Task-force needed to take two trips to Tallahassee for two PSC Conference Agendas (September 13 and October 11) to address the Commission regarding UIF's rate demands in paragraph G, Page 10 of the Bulk Water Agreement (Docket No. 150269). UIF stated they would not purchase water services from Pasco until the PSC set rates that they requested, basically holding our interconnect process hostage.

Just 30 days later, under Docket No. 160101, Summertree was facing yet another rate increase. When Pasco Utilities confirmed that there were no planned increases in bulk wastewater rates, our Task-force returned to Tallahassee for the PSC Conference Agenda on November 1, 2016. The PSC Commissioners approved UIF's requested **Interim Rate increases** for a total of 27.68% which means that Summertree residents will pay **\$82.61/3,000 gallons/month**. The Florida statutes allow UTILITIES to reap a 10% Return on Equity regardless of their product or service quality. Once the interconnect is completed, Summertree will be a pass-through for water and wastewater; basically, UIF will be our landlord.

I am outraged that outdated statutes allow UTILITIES to function under state guarantees due to a 10% Return on Equity resulting in unearned profits. This oversight has evolved into a serious problem for your Florida residents across the state. UIF is NOW consolidating 10 counties, 44 systems and 66,000 consumers. I believe that Summertree's problems are just the tip of the iceberg. UIF should be held account able to provide the product and services required. UIF should not be subsidized by their customers and pay ever increasing rates for water/wastewater services they do not receive!

Governor Scott, please help end the injustices under the outdated Florida statutes regulating Water/Wastewater Utilities. Without legislative intervention Utilities, Inc. of Florida will continue to take advantage of outdated statutes which have created a utility welfare system which will financially cripple me and the other 65,999 residents state-wide under your watch.

Sincerely,

Signature:

Robert M. Hughes, II

Print Name:

ROBERT M. HUGHES, II

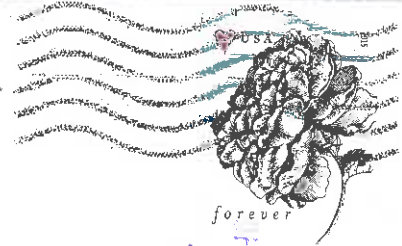
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