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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:52 AM
To: 'jkbooth407@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160101-WS - Utilities Inc. of Florida

Dear Mr. Booth:

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding Utilities Inc. of Florida's (UIF) rate petition. We appreciate your correspondence, and it has been included in both open UIF Docket files (150269 and 160101) for consideration.

PSC customer service hearings were held in January and February 2017, throughout UIF's service territory for Commissioners to hear directly from customers about UIF's rate request and service. UIF will provide its customers with a hearing notice, including hearing dates, times, and locations. In addition to all correspondence provided to the PSC, customer comments made during those hearings will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on UIF's proposed rates.

The PSC's evidentiary hearing on UIF's rate case will be held in Tallahassee, tentatively slated for May 2017. Witnesses from UIF, PSC 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 PSC's website, www.floridapsc.com and click on the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in case number 160101.

Sincerely,

Bev DeMello
Assistant Director

From: jkbooth407@gmail.com [<mailto:jkbooth407@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket # 160101-WS
Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

This email is written to voice my concern about proposed increase in water rates.

Reason given, "getting rates in line with the rest of the state" is weak at best.

I'm sure that SanLando as well as Utilities Inc. were making money at the existing rates.

I understand the need for rate increases to improve service, but to increase rates to "equalize rates across the state" is absurd, especially an 87% increase.

No reasonable person would accept a one time 87% increase on anything let alone a necessary utility.

Which brings me to my next point;

Why is a foreign company allowed to own and control a necessary utility? Would you allow our water to be owned and controlled by a company based in Russia or China?

Please do your job and use due diligence in your decision and deny this type of rate increase and question the ownership of a vital resource by a foreign company.

Regards,

Kevin Booth

407-335-0263

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