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Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160101-WS - Application for Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in Seminole County by Utilities, Inc.
Attachments: Letter to Horan, dated 3-10-17.pdf

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160101-WS. Thank you.

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Public Service Commission

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Chairman John Horan
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
1101 East First Street
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Re: Docket No. 160101-WS, Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida

Dear Chairman Horan:

Thank you for your interest and representation of your constituents with respect to the rate increase request by Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIF or Utility). The Commission held eight service hearings throughout the Utility's service territory to allow customer feedback about UIF and the ratesetting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration when the Commission reaches a decision. The hearing has been scheduled for the week of May 8-12, 2017, to consider UIF's investment level, proposed rate structure, and quality of service. The Commission will vote on UIF's request at the Special Agenda Conference scheduled for July 12, 2017.

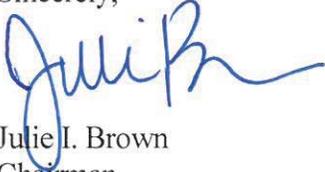
Both the Commission's staff and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), who represents customers in rate case proceedings before the Commission, are carefully scrutinizing the Utility's request in great detail. This level of scrutiny includes an examination by Commission staff auditors of UIF's books and records since the Commission last established the Utility's rate base (or investment level), responses to numerous discovery requests asking for additional support documentation, and field inspections of UIF's water and wastewater facilities by Commission staff engineers. Expert witness testimony by UIF, OPC, and Commission staff, including witnesses from the Department of Environmental Protection, will also be considered for purposes of this case.

The evidentiary hearing on UIF's rate case will be held in Tallahassee, May 8-12, 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.

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.

I appreciate your interest and representation of your constituents in this matter and I hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to call me directly if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie I. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being the most prominent part.

Julie I. Brown
Chairman

JB:alm

cc: Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Braulio Baez, Executive Director
Keith Hetrick, General Counsel
JR Kelly, Public Counsel
Ralph Terrero, Interim Director, Environmental Services