

Sandra Soto

From: Sandra Soto on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:38 AM
To: 'Guy H. Blakey'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request (ID:4A9FA9BF003C224E)

Good morning Mr. Blakey,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20160101 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Sandra Soto

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From: Guy H. Blakey [<mailto:guyb@ffcinc.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Records Clerk; Consumer Contact
Cc: Constantine, Lee
Subject: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request (ID:4A9FA9BF003C224E)

To whom it may concern:

If this new consolidated rate increase recommended by Staff is approved, Seminole County residents will have the inequitable burden of paying \$3,858,438 million of the \$5,512,904 rate increase. That means, out of the 16 systems in Utilities, Inc. portfolio, Seminole County's 3 systems would be paying 70% of the increase. Therefore, we would be subsidizing the other Utilities, Inc systems in the State. Is Staff complying with State statute 367.0812 that requires that rates be **"just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory"**?

My last water bill was \$78. If this goes through my water bill will be an appalling \$124!!! Thankfully I am not in the UIF service area or my bill would skyrocket to \$178. What about people on fixed incomes? I suppose they just skip a few meals? This is OUTRAGEOUS. No other "business" could get away with a heinous rate increase like this (Spectrum Cable can but I am able to cancel their service). The only option to avoid this

disgraceful and egregious increase is to sell and relocate. That is not reasonable, feasible or fair.

Please do not allow this scandalous and discriminatory rate increase to proceed as proposed. A reasonable increase to ALL of the Utilities Inc. systems, phased in over 5 to 10 years would be much more equitable.

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