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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request (ID:4A9FA9BF003C224E)

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

From: Guy H. Blakey [<mailto:guyb@ffcinc.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Polmann; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Brisé; Walter Trierweiler; Emily Knoblauch; Amber Norris; Penny Buys; Robert Graves; Sonica Bruce; Marissa Friedrich; Laura King; Carlotta Stauffer; Ronald Brisé; Justin Sowards; Wesley Taylor; Greg Shafer; Keith Hetrick
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It appears members of my PSC team have authored utility rate recommendations to the PSC that I find to be **outrageously unreasonable**.

I am requesting a timely response from your office regarding your position concerning your Staff's recommendations and if you can implement a more reasonable rate increase phase-in can to be recommended before the PSC meeting on **August 3**.

-----Original Message-----

To: CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US
CC: "Constantine, Lee" <lconstantine@seminolecountyfl.gov>
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Subject: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request
Date: 7-27-17 10:17am

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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