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February 9, 2018

Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: FIMC Hideaway, Inc. Application for Rate Increases  
Springside Utilities and Hideaway Utilities  
Docket No. 20170147-WS

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Dear Chairman Graham and Commissioners:

On February 7, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County ("Board") voted to send a letter to the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") on behalf of Levy County citizens currently receiving water and wastewater services from the Springside and Hideaway systems, owned and operated by FIMC Hideaway, Inc. ("FIMC"), urging the PSC to conduct its meeting on the above application in Levy County.

On February 1, 2018, there was a meeting in Levy County regarding FIMC's application to increase water and wastewater rates for the Springside and Hideway water and wastewater systems. This meeting was well attended by the customers of the systems who expressed their concerns over the proposed increase in rates. While PSC staff attended the meeting, no Commissioners from the PSC were there.

It is important to the Levy County customers of these utility systems that they be heard in person by the people who actually make the decision on FIMC's application – the PSC Commissioners. Letters, emails and transcripts of oral comments do not provide the same urgency or gravity as in-person testimony. Unfortunately for these customers, many of them do not have the financial or physical ability to make a trip to Tallahassee to provide in-person testimony to the PSC on this application. Because of these various hardships, the Board requests that the PSC conduct its meeting on FIMC's application here in Levy County so that the affected customers may express their concerns and be heard in person by the PSC.

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Please feel free to contact the Board office at the phone number below with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
  
John Meeks  
Chairman

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cc: Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator (sent electronically)  
Jim Jones, Director, County Construction Maintenance Department (sent electronically)  
FIMC Hideaway, Inc.  
Robert F. Dodril, Sr.

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