## **Brian Schultz**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk Monday, April 13, 2020 8:48 AM 'Don' Consumer Contact RE: Docket No 20190080-WS,Aquarina Utilities Inc.

Good Morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20190080-WS and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399 <u>Brian.Schultz@psc.state.fl.us</u> 850.413.6770

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From: Don <donschwinn@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No 20190080-WS,Aquarina Utilities Inc.

I am a property owner and Florida resident living in Aquarina, the community served by Aquarina Utilities.

My comments relate to the exorbitant salaries that are shown in the utility's 2019 Annual Report. Presumably these salaries are at least as high in the proposed 2020 rate increase structure. *I am complaining that these salaries are excessive and that the PSC should audit employee actual payments and time charges before approving the proposed potable water rate increase.* 

In the utility's 2019 Annual Report to the PSC the total salaries for potable water, non-potable water, and wastewater were 265,044. This is 47% of the reported expenses of 567,591. Kevin and Holly Burge, the owners, do not take income as owners but do employ themselves as operators who seem to spend little time on site.

Kevin Burge has separate income of \$40,000 as Director of Utilities of the City of Fellsmere( see link below) for 30 hours per week. He is responsible for water and wastewater management for a community of 5000 persons. Aquarina's population is less than 1000. Thus it is questionable how much time he can spend at

Aquarina Utility as an employee. Aquarina Utility Inc has a staff of 3 part time employees as may be seen in the utility's March 2020 monthly report(See below) to the Florida DEP. And Holly Burge, the other owner, is listed as a standby employee, far from being full-time

\$250,000+salaries to operate such a small utility with only 3 part-time employees is excessive. I am requesting the PSC's justification for these excessive salaries including their accounting of salaries paid to employees. I am sure that excessively high salaries paid to the owners are significantly affecting the proposed 50%+ increase in potable water rates.

Very truly yours, Donald E. Schwinn

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MONTHLY OPERATION REPORT FOR PWS'S TREATING RAW GROUND WATER OR PURCHASED FINISHED WATER

See page 4 for instructions

. General Informati	ion for the Month/Year of:	March 2020				
Public Water Syster	n (PWS) Information:					
PWS Name:	Aquarina Utilities				PWS Identification Number: 3054060	
PWS Type:	Community	Non-Transient Non-Community	Transient Non-Community	/	Consecutive	
Number of Service Consections at End of Month: Approximately 267			Total Population	Served at End of Mont	th: Approximately 750	
PWS Owner:	Aquarina Utilities, Inc.					
Contact Person:	Kevin Burge	Contact Person's Title: Director		Director		
Contact Person's Mailie	ng Address: 10475 134	0th Ave. Fellsmere, FL 32948				
Contact Person's E-Mai		utilities@bellsouth.net				
Water Treatment Pl						
Plant Name:	Aquarina Water Treatm	ent Plant				
flant Address:	235 Aquarina Bird., Met	Ibourne Beach, FL				
Type of Water Treated	by Plant:	Raw Ground Water	Purchased Finished Water			
Permitted Maximum D	ay Operating Capacity Of Plant,	gallom per day: .075mg				
Plant Category (per subsection 62-699.310(4), F.A.C.):			Plant Class (per s	ubsection 62-699.3100	(4), F.A.C.): C	
Licensed Operators	a spectra state to pe	Name	License Class	License Number	Day(s) Shidi(s) Warked	
2arCharOpennit		Kevin Burge	4	16321	Day Shift	
What Operators		Ron Chupka	C	8596	Day Shift	
		Calbey Schmidt	C	14796	Weekend Shift	
		Holly Burge	C	17282	Standby	
		Kenneth Lassiter	trainee		Day Shift	

I, the undersigned water treatment plant operator licensed in Florida, am the lead/chief operator of the water treatment plant identified in Part I of this report. I certify that the information provided in this report is true accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that all drinking water treatment chemicals used at this plant conform to NSF International Standard 60 or other applicable standards referenced in subsection 62-555.320(3), F.A.C. I also certify that the following additional operations records for this plant were prepared each day that a licensed operator staffed or visited this plant during the month indicated above: (1) records of amounts of chemicals used and chemical feed rates; and (2) if applicable, appropriate treatment process performance records, Furthermore, I agree to these additional operations records at the plant site for at least ten years and to the sea and the plant site for review upon request.

A Ser 46/2020	Kevin Burge	RECEIVED	A Water 16321	
Sillinghere wof Out	Printed or Typed Name	04/07/2020	License Class & Number	
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