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Dear Sirs:

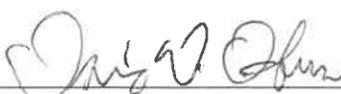
As a resident of Cypress Lakes, I have seen my Utilities Inc. bills increase from \$43 in 10/2017 to \$80 in 01/2021 !! Specifically wastewater costs are the target in this latest increase.

I have been told that before my residency, in 2010, an expansion of the wastewater treatment system was necessary to accommodate the additional homes added in Cypress Lakes. They tell me that without notification to Property Management/Owners, Utilities Inc. made that upgrade to the tune of one million dollars. The price tag for this was placed on the entire residents at that time by action of the Public Service Commission and the residents paid the increase. Evidently, there has been no budgetary request since 2010 for our wastewater treatment plant.

But I am now faced with an increase of an additional 30% in rates through request by Utilities, Inc. This is to pay for four OTHER communities' sewer facilities. The report is that one of those systems is 50+ years old and is under court order to upgrade. Paying for their capital expenditures disenfranchises me as a resident of Cypress Lakes, places an unfair burden on me economically since I live with a fixed income, and ties the hands of Cypress Lakes Property Management to remain competitive in Polk County. Data shows that the Cypress Lakes community is the **only** one in Polk County served by Utilities Inc.

I humbly, but firmly, request that the Public Service Commission deny the request for a rate increase and have it be assessed only to those communities benefitting from the proposed 25 million dollar + in capital expenditures.

Sincerely,



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