## **Nickalus Holmes**

From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 10:50 AM

To: 'Juli Quezada'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Water Increase at Grenelefe

## **Good Morning**

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250023, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Juli Quezada <juli.m.quezada@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 10:49 AM To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Subject: Water Increase at Grenelefe

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I understand Grenelefe faces infrastructure challenges and environmental compliance obligations. However, the proposed approach unfairly shifts nearly all financial burden onto existing customers. Under Florida law, the Commission has the authority to:

- Require that new development and future growth pay their proportionate share of capacity costs through plant capacity charges (see §367.081(2)(a), Fla. Stat.), rather than burdening current ratepayers.
- Spread recovery of major capital improvements over a longer time horizon, instead of imposing immediate and unaffordable increases.
- Consider whether grant funding, low-interest loans, or state/federal assistance are available before approving extreme increases.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

- 1. Reject the proposed rate structure as filed.
- 2. Require Grenelefe to resubmit a plan that phases in increases gradually and equitably.
- 3. Ensure that developers and new connections bear appropriate responsibility for growth-related costs, consistent with Commission precedent and statutory authority.

The current proposal would devastate residents, especially seniors like myself and families on fixed incomes. I ask that you uphold your responsibility under Florida law to ensure rates remain fair, just, and reasonable.

Thank you for considering my comments and for protecting the public interest in this matter.

Julia Quezada 3026 Camelot Dr.