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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Attn.: Director of the Division of  
Records and Reporting

From: (Full Name) Mr. & Mrs. Russell Rickford  
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(City) Dunnellon, FL 34431  
(Phone No.) 352-489-4920  
(Lot Description)  
(From Tax Receipt)  
Sec. 14 Twp 16 Rge 18  
Plat Book R page 641  
Rainbow Springs 1st  
Replat  
B11179 Lot 17

Ref.: Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C.  
Notice of Application for Extension of Service Area  
Date of Notice: December 16, 1997

Dear Sir,

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I, among other home owners / property owners in the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, received the above referenced notice on December 22, 1997. I am writing to notify the PSC that I for one, who also represents the wishes of other property owners, object to the priority and timing of said notice as referenced above.

The above reference notification mentioned that property owners have no later than 30 days in which to file an objection to the noted extension. With the Christmas/ New Years seasons upon us and many people traveling, it gives our property owners little or no time to formally register an objection to this action or to lodge a formal complaint with the Florida Public Service Commission. There are many "HIDDEN" factors in which the backers of this so-called Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. organization is trying to rapidly sweep through the commission undetected in which need to be disclosed and reviewed.

The above Referenced Notice of Application also states. QUOTE: -THIS EXTENSION APPLICATION WAS NECESSITATED BY A RECENT DISCOVERY THAT THE SERVICE TERRITORY AUTHORIZED FOR THIS UTILITY BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPROXIMATELY 16 YEARS AGO FAILED TO INCLUDE A GREATER MAJORITY OF RAINBOW SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT. Our section of Rainbow Springs, which the reference notification applies to has been completely - SOLD - out (by another developer) for approximately 20 years. Our Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs is composed of lots which are 1 acre plus or more.

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Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. was commenced because the developers, Chase Ventures, Inc., commenced development of the last section of Rainbow Springs, Country Club Estates. This section is comprised of 1/4 acre lots and the developers were denied building permits by Marion County because of the lack of a central system for water and sewage. This was due to the closeness of home site development in the Country Club Estates area. Enter Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. which is a very small system built to satisfy this one need. There is no way that their present facilities could handle the additional services if they were extended to our section. Plus the distance is a great factor.

Now, with the winding down of home sites development in Rainbow Springs, The Developer, Chase Ventures, Inc. is apparently seeking ways to create additional revenue before exiting the location and is trying to make this so-called Utility L.C. identity, more attractive to "potential buyers". So he has chosen, -NOW- to include us in his so-called master extension of service plan. There is a lot of deceit/greed in the statement Quoted above. All homeowners in our 1 acre plus or more home sites, have installed our own expensive systems and do not need the services of Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. Most of our home owners / property owners (90%) are retired and living on a fixed income. Most have established a home which represents a major investment and can ill afford to pay thousands of dollars more to satisfy the greed of others.

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We therefore request that the Florida Public Service Commission delay any formal action on this matter until the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs has had ample time to meet, obtain legal assistance and formalize a plan to combat this action. To be excluded or denied any delay in this action will cost the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, many thousands of dollars which will wind up in the pockets of the Chase Ventures, Inc. (recent developers). We also request that any action in this matter, by The Florida Public Service Commission, be brought to our attention as so we can respond in case there is a need. At the present time, any communications can be directed to my attention at the above address and I will make it available to all appropriate property owners.

Thank You For Your Attention In This Very Important Matter.

Sincerely,

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Dunnellon, Fl. 34431

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