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Re: Intercoastal Utilities  
Application for Water and Wastewater Certificates

Dear Sir/Madam:

I object to Intercoastal Utilities, Inc. expanding coverage to additional areas for the following reasons:

1. They have not demonstrated the ability to efficiently manage the operations for the areas they currently cover as evidenced by their recent significant rate increases without any improvement in service.
2. They have no incentive to operate efficiently since rises in costs are passed on to the consumers and thereby increasing the base on which their profit allowance is computed.
3. Expansion will allow them to pass on the costs of their inefficient operations to a larger base of consumers.
4. The costs of expansion, including the separate mailouts, the attorney's in Tallahassee and lobbyists will most likely be passed on to current customers in the computation of expenses used to justify another significant rate increase.

I believe any requests for expansion should be denied until they demonstrate the ability to operate their current facilities without large rate increases. It is about time the Florida Public Service Commission bring these monopolies under control and make them more accountable to the public they serve.

Sincerely,  
*George F. Meyer, Jr.*  
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cc: John L. Wharton, Esq.

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