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TO:

Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Bureau of Consumer Assistance, Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach

RE:

Customer Correspondence

Please add the attached customer correspondence to Docket Correspondence-Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket 20250011.

Lawrence Bregel 592 S Longview Place Longwood FL 32779

Date: July 14, 2025

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To:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Subject: Objection to Unjustified Rate Increases for Sunshine Water Services

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a concerned resident and customer of Sunshine Water Services to formally object to the most recent approval of a nearly 20% rate increase, a decision I find unacceptable and deeply troubling, especially in light of numerous other significant increases over the past five to ten years.

Sunshine Water Services operates as a **monopoly**, and as such, it should be held to the highest standards of performance, transparency, and accountability. However, its **current Google review rating of 1.8 out of 5** starkly demonstrates widespread public dissatisfaction. This is an **unacceptable performance indicator** for any organization—let alone a utility monopoly entrusted with delivering an essential public service.

I would like to know what **justification the Florida Public Service Commission used** to approve this increase, especially in the absence of notable service improvements. In addition, I am formally requesting:

- 1. A complete record of all rate increases approved for Sunshine Water Services over the last ten (10) years, along with the stated justification for each.
- 2. A report or accounting of executive compensation at Sunshine Water Services over the past ten years, including base salaries, bonuses, stock options, travel expenses, retirement benefits, and other perks.
- 3. An explanation of why Sunshine Water Services has received repeated rate increases despite no clear or measurable improvement in customer service, reliability, or infrastructure, and why it continues to fall short compared to other regulated utilities in the state.
- 4. A comparison to the rate increases and performance metrics of companies like **Duke Energy**, which has received far smaller increases yet made measurable improvements such as reduced blackouts and enhanced reliability.

This pattern of rate increases without tangible benefit to the customers or environment sends the message that **poor performance** is being rewarded. Florida residents deserve reliable and fairly

priced utility services, especially in a state where environmental stewardship and population growth make water infrastructure and affordability critical.

I urge the Commission to reconsider its support for Sunshine Water Services' unchecked rate increases, and to prioritize customer service quality, transparency, and responsible oversight in all future decisions.

Please consider this letter a formal public records request for the information listed above.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bregel

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