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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12:22 PM

To: 'Nick McCullough'
Cc: Consumer Contact

Subject: RE: Docket No. 20250023-WS Opposition to Proposed Water Utility Rate Increase

Good afternoon

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

From: Nick McCullough <skunkwaldo@msn.com> Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:23 AM To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

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To whom in may concer,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed increase in water utility rates from approximately \$30 per month to over \$300 per month. This represents an extreme and disproportionate escalation that is simply unaffordable for myself and many members of our community.

An increase of this magnitude places an undue financial burden on residents, particularly elderly individuals who live on fixed incomes. Many in our community already struggle to make ends meet, and such a drastic rate adjustment would cause severe hardship, potentially forcing people to make difficult choices between essential needs such as medication, food, and utilities.

While I understand that periodic adjustments to rates may be necessary to maintain and improve infrastructure, a tenfold increase is unreasonable and unsustainable. I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal and explore more balanced solutions that take into account the financial realities of ratepayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter. I hope the Commission will act in the best interest of the community and protect residents from such an overwhelming financial strain.

Sincerely, Nicholas McCullough 40 Nottingham Way, Haines City, FL 33844

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