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To whom it may concern,

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In reference to the proposed rate hike, it is to me excessive. I have had community sponsored well since 2007 in one form or another and this is nothing more than me having to give up my well and paying for someone else's well equipment. I had a community well in Georgia where the water company would raise fees whenever it close to and provide a little more than water straight out of the

ground and into my home. It was very hard mineral water and required frequent descaling of all faucets and shower heads. The water quality was not very good or consistent, odor, or bad taste and had to have the well source treated regularly. Again was expensive but unlimited usage.

I had community well converted to city water, unmetered in Spanish Oaks for \$29⁰⁰ per month which was unreliable as there happened to be line failures almost bi-weekly and boiling water alerts regularly but it was unlimited use and city water that went through their processing system and was flavorful and mineral free.

My city water in Seminole County was clear, clear, and usable but had such a terrible bleach smell you really

could not drink it without letting it set for a day hence having water for drinking, and cooking or necessity.

Now here in Marion County, I am back to a community well like in Georgia and though currently inexpensive, is just well water fit to drink but very hard mineral water that requires me to clean faucets and shower heads, filters about every three weeks. I would not mind paying more for water if the minerals were removed and unlimited use. I.E. no meter. They could also cut costs by not having to read the meters and charging office staff to do the billings. Just send out a monthly notice of the amount due OR as was the case in Georgia.

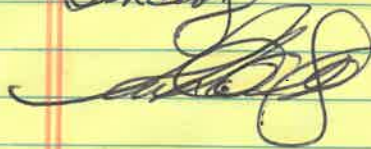
my monthly water bill would be sent out for a fixed monthly rate and have the option to prepay your water bill prepaid

for one year and receive a discount of 2 months free usage. For example if my annual water usage before was \$125⁰⁰ or about \$11⁰⁰ per month, under unlimited unmetered usage that fee would go to \$15⁰⁰ per month and \$185⁰⁰ per year OR if prepaid annually, unlimited, would be \$150⁰⁰ per year prepaid. That is the system that was used in Georgia but there was also a limit of a 5% increase only a two year period.

Additionally, homes with an in ground pool had an annual surcharge added or a monthly fee.

The proposed change would eliminate much overhead for the company and keep rates lower at the same time.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,


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