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From: Tristan Davis on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 2:21 PM
To: 'John Athey'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: PSC Docket NO 20250052-WS

Good Afternoon,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250052, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you!

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Cc: Office of Chairman Smith <Chairman.Smith@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: PSC Docket NO 20250052-WS

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I am writing concerning the CSWR proposed rate increase for the Bluffs of Sebring residents in Highlands county. We are a 55 and older Condo community with most residents being 70 plus years and older. Thus they are on limited income and a rate increase of this proportion (255%) is unacceptable and unheard of. The sewer invoice has gone from \$4k per month to \$14k per month - an increase of \$120k per year. How can this be? We only have 248 residential units, thus our Condo fees will have to be increased by approximately \$500 per year, per household. After my investigation and research, I found in 2023, the Florida PSC approved the purchase and transfer of wastewater certificate No. 365-S of Sebring Ridge Utilities to CSWR - Florida Utility Operating Company. The Docket number was 20220149-SU issued on July 27, 2023. In the 2023 application, CSWR stated benefits and expectations to the PSC and the customers to be: Long Term Rate Stability and Operational Cost Efficiencies as well as other benefits. CSWR also stated cost efficiencies included a reduction in O&M expenses and a reduction in the cost of capital, that would result in purchase and transfer to them. From my research, CSWR demonstrated the technical and financial ability to provide service to the existing service territory to the PSC for approval of the transfer. So now CSWR has filed for a huge rate increase. Why? I

hope and request the PSC review and give / provide the Bluffs and other residents assistance in this economic matter and issue. Respectfully, John Athey - Bluffs Board Secretary. My cell is 410 948 0888.