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RE: Formal Objection, Request to Intervene, and Demand for Conditions
Docket Nos. 20260031-WS, 20260032-WU, 20260033-WS

To the Commissioners:

I am a current customer within the affected service territory and therefore a substantially affected party under Florida law. I submit this formal objection and request to intervene in the above-referenced proceedings concerning the proposed transfer of systems and establishment of a rate base by Sunshine Water Services Company.

While the notices emphasize that there will be no immediate rate changes, the filings clearly establish the framework for future rate increases through the creation of a new rate base and consolidation of systems. This raises significant concerns regarding affordability, transparency, and regulatory oversight.

My objections are as follows:

1. Rate Base Establishment Without Adequate Consumer Safeguards

The requested rate base determination appears to position Sunshine Water Services Company to seek future rate increases without providing enforceable protections for existing customers. Approval without strict limitations effectively shifts financial risk from the utility to the customer base.

2. Absence of Binding Commitments for Service Improvements

There is no enforceable requirement that customers will receive measurable improvements in infrastructure, service reliability, or water quality. Rate recovery should not be authorized absent clearly defined, time-bound capital improvement obligations.

3. Insufficient Transparency and Long-Term Impact Disclosure

Customers have not been provided with a multi-year rate trajectory, a detailed capital expenditure plan, or a clear timeline for system upgrades. This lack of transparency prevents meaningful public participation and undermines informed consent.

4. Material Risk of Rate Shock to Customers

Post-acquisition rate harmonization and infrastructure recovery commonly result in significant rate increases. Without caps or phased adjustments, customers face the risk of sudden and unaffordable bill increases.

5. Public Interest Standard Not Yet Demonstrated

The burden is on the applicant to demonstrate that this transaction is in the public interest. Based on the current filings, that standard has not been met.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Florida Public Service Commission:

- Deny approval of the requested actions unless conditions are imposed
- Require a multi-year rate freeze or capped increases
- Require a binding capital improvement plan with enforcement
- Require disclosure of five-year rate projections
- Require ongoing oversight and reporting

Absent these protections, approval would expose customers to unreasonable financial burden without guaranteed benefit.

I request that this letter be entered into the official record and that I be notified of all proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lawrence Kirby