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Director of the Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Boulevard Tallahassee Florida 32399-0870

Dear Sir:

This letter pertains to an Application for a Extension of a designated service territory by a developer controlled utility, specifically the Rainbow Springs Utilities L.C. The utility maintains that 16 years ago the PSC failed to include the majority of the Rainbow Springs development with a service area hence the need to extend the existing area. The developer is the Chase Corp.

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It strains credibility that a major developer, in an limited area, failed as a business, to recognize that the area under their development required a designated service area. In reality, we and the PSC, are asked to believe that the developer overlooked this for a period of 16 years, even while the developer, and their controlled utility, provided utilities to a limited core area. It could be looked on as a deception to the public, the developer, without the expensive of initially providing utility lines could sell to the public, property lots and then build homes for profit, and later, expand the company controlled utility system by applying to the PSC to enlarge the system with the property owners funding the system.

CAF ______Last, but important, the short period given in which the residents are able to comment, CMU _______that is thirty days, coming in the middle of the Christmas and New Years holiday period CTR _______is simply unjust. I wasn't aware of the proposed Application myself until recently. This EAG _______is also the travel season, like you on the PSC, we have family we must travel to be with. LEG _______Certainiy it appears to many that the selected dates are a ploy to avoid or reduce public comment, one in which I trust the PSA did not anticipate in.

OPC _____ Sincerely, RCH _ SEC / _____, Charles C. Gauthier WAS

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