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January 3, 1998

Florida Public Services Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Attn: Director of the Division of
Records and Reporting

Ref: Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C.
Notice of Application for Extension of Service Area
Date of Notice: December 16, 1997

Dear Sir:

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I, among other some owners/property owners in the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, received the above referenced notice on December 23, 1997. I am writing to notify the PSC that I, for one, who also represents the wishes of other property owners, object to the priority and timing of said notice as referenced above.

The above referenced notification mentioned that property owners have no more than thirty days in which to file an objection to the noted extension. Our notice was dated December 16, 1997; we received it on December 22 and obviously with the holiday season and many people traveling, it gives our property owners little or no time to formally register an objection to this action or to lodge a formal complaint with the Public Service Commission. There are many "hidden" factors in which backers of this so-called Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. organization are trying to rapidly sweep through the commission undetected which need to be disclosed and reviewed.

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The above referenced Notice of Application also states: "This extension application was necessitated as a recent discovery that the service territory authorized for this utility by the Public Service Commission approximately sixteen years ago failed to include a greater majority of the Rainbow Springs Development." Our section of Rainbow Springs which the referenced notification applies to was completely SOLD OUT by the PREVIOUS DEVELOPER over TWENTY years ago. Our Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs is composed of one acre lots plus or more.

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Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. was commenced because the developers, Chase Ventures, Inc. commenced development of the last section of Rainbow Springs Country Club Estates. This section is comprised of 1/4 acre lots and the developers were denied building permits by Marion County because of the lack of a water system for water and sewage. This was due to the closeness of homesite development in the Country Club Estates area. Enter Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C. which is a very small system built to satisfy this one need. There is no way that their present facility could handle the additional services if they were extended to our section, plus the distance would be a major factor.

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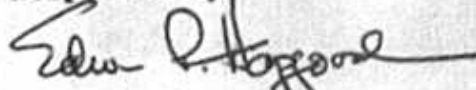
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Now, with the winding down of home site development in Rainbow Springs, the developer, Chase Ventures, Inc. is apparently seeking ways to create additional revenue before exiting the location and is trying to make this so-called Utility - L.C. more attractive to potential buyers. So they have chosen NOW to include us in their so-called master extension of service plan. There appears to be a lot of greed and deceit in their actions. All homeowners in our one acre homesites have installed expensive systems and do not need the services of Rainbow Springs - Utilities L.C.. Well over 90% of our home and property owners are retired and living on fixed incomes. Most have established a home which represents a major investment and can ill afford to pay thousands of dollars more for no reason at all.

We therefore request that the Florida Public Service Commission delay any formal action on this matter until the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs have had ample time to meet, obtain legal assistance and formalize a plan to combat this action. To be excluded or deried any delay in this action will cost the property owners of the Woodlands section of Rainbow Springs, Marion County, many thousands of dollars which will end up in the pockets of Chase Ventures. We also request that any action on this matter by the Public Service Commission be brought to our attention so we can respond in case there is a need. At the present time, any communications can be directed to my attention and I will make it available to all appropriate property owners.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Respectfully,



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