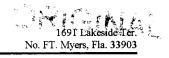
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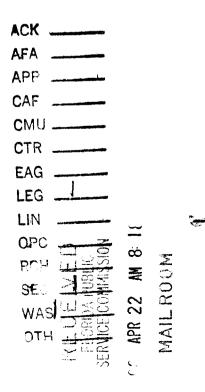
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as our request that hearings for Florida Cities Water rate increase be held locally rather than in Tallassee so that affected citizens can participate.

Thank you, Sohert & ufresne Robert J. Dutresne

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