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DATE:

August 11, 2005

TO:

Commission Clerk (Cole)

FROM:

Division of Economic Regulation (Clapp)

RE:

Docket No. 060698-SU – Joint application for authority to transfer facilities of Del Tura Phase I, LLC d/b/a Del Tura Utilities and Certificate No. 298-S to North Fort Myers Utility, Inc., request for cancellation of Certificate No. 298-S, amendment of Certificate No. 247-S, and limited proceeding for authority to charge customers of

Del Tura Utilities its authorized rates, fees and charges, in Lee County.

The attached letter from Mr. Don Dowell, customer of Del Tura Utilities, was received by staff during the customer meeting held on April 4, 2007. Please add this letter regarding rate concerns to the above docket.

Thank you.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to protest the requested sewer fees proposed by North Ft Myers Utility for residents of Del Tura.

When the North Ft Myers Utility representative spoke to Del Tura residents we were told the expected sewer bills would be nearly the same as they have been in the past.

After examining my past 12 months water bill I find my sewer bill will increase by more than 68%. (Please see attached spreadsheet). I am here about seven months per year. I expect full time residents to pay more than double their old charges.

A large percentage of the water used is for irrigation, this water DOES NOT go to the sewage treatment plant. I am paying sewer charges for irrigation.

I propose a different approach. Many residents of Del Tura do not use city water for irrigation their water comes from local ponds and lakes. Take the average water used by these residents and cap the maximum chargeable gallons by that amount. In other words maybe 5,000 instead of the proposed 10,000 maximum chargeable.

I find it hard to believe that a utility company the size of North Ft Myers Utility serving a city of over 50,000 can not process sewage for less cost than a small community of about 2,500 ( Del Tura ).

Please consider a lesser rate per 1,000 gallons or a lesser maximum usage to set our sewer rates.

Thank you for your time

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Don Dowell

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## Expected sewer charges based on 2006

	Actual useage	Max charge	10,000 gal			Quarterly charge
	-	_	\$4.15 per 1000	monthly fee	Total	
12/1/2006	11	10	\$41.50	\$11.43	\$52.93	\$66.49
11/1/2006	9	9	\$37.35	\$11.43	\$48.78	\$66.49
10/1/2006	0	0	\$0.00	\$11.43	<b>\$11.43</b>	\$66.49
9/1/2006	0	0	\$0.00	\$11.43	<b>\$11.43</b>	\$66.49
8/1/2006	0	0	\$0.00	\$11.43	\$11.43	
7/1/2006	0	0	\$0.00	\$11.43	<b>\$11.43</b>	
6/1/2006	8	8	\$33.20	\$11.43	\$44.63	
5/1/2006	14	10	\$41.50	\$11.43	\$52.93	
4/1/2006	12	10	\$41.50	\$11.43	\$52.93	
3/1/2006	8	8	\$33.20	\$11.43	\$44.63	
2/1/2006	10	10	\$41.50	\$11.43	\$52.93	
1/1/2006	11	10	\$41.50	\$11.43	\$52.93	
			\$311.25	\$137.16		
					\$448.41	\$265,96

An increase of \$182.45
An increase of 68.60%