RE: Docket No: 160101-WS

#### **Summertree Customer Comment Form**

Application for increase in water/wastewater in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Seminole Counties by

### Utilities, Inc. of Florida

**DOCKET NO. 160101-WS** 

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## All Summertree Residents Needed!

# Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce JANUARY 10, 2017 – PSC Customer Meeting Information

Taskforce: Ann Marie Ryan, Terry & Wilbur Copenhafer, Lorraine Mack, Joe Mitchell, Rich Neilson, Lee Robida, Ed Youngs; Associate Members: Maria Cristiano (PW), Chuck Hoehn (GR), George Metz (Villas), Lauren Smith (FA), Fred Stall (ARB), Violet Weeks (SRF), Bill White (GR)

CORRECTION - FACTS: Contrary to Utilities Inc.'s (UIF) December letter, they were not instrumental or responsible for the success of this project. It was the Task force who made this happen; we circumvented UIF's original plan to charge Summertree \$2.5 million for the same project at an additional cost of \$28/month over the next 22 years through negotiations and alternative funding.

Let me be perfectly clear, this project was negotiated by our Summertree Water Alliance Taskforce through Erik Sayler, Office of Public Counsel with Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano and Flip Mellinger, Pasco County Asst. Administrator, Pasco Utilities contributed over \$225,000 toward the engineering and construction of this project. Florida State Senator Wilton Simpson wrote the bill and with Florida State Speaker of the House, Richard Corcoran together helped pass the Consumer Clean Water Act in 2014 and secured a \$1 M state DEP grant in 2015 allowing Summertree alternative funding saving us \$2.3 million on the same project proposed by Utilities, Inc. in January 2014. Our final cost will be an additional \$2/1,000 gallons/month - \$5/3,000 gallons/month depending on our water consumption. We saved \$2.3 million dollars on this project.

- 2. December 21, 2016 The Summertree/Pasco water connection was completed and turned on by UIF.
- 3. December 22, 2016 There was a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the County to memorialize the project.
- 4. Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2017: Summertree residents have the opportunity to protest Utility Inc.'s requested \$30.1 Million Consolidated Rate Increase to the PSC Commissioners in person.
- 5. WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE TASKFORCE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT! YOUR PRESENCE AT THE HEARING IS CRITICAL TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS TO KEEP RATES IN CHECK! You make the difference!

  GOAL: 500+ residents attend PSC Meeting...Let's Do This...STOP UIF!

### Public Service Commission Customer Hearing Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2017 – SRF Auditorium (9:00-1:00)

We need all residents, united, wearing red, attending the PSC meeting to make an impact!

9:30 AM PWCA and Fairway

10:30 AM Arborwood and Greens

11:30 PM Cross Creek and Villas

12:30 PM OPEN for scheduling conflicts

NOTE: PLEASE WEAR RED! A row of residents will be called, you can say or read a short statement, "No Rate Increase, lack of service, etc." then you can leave; we plan to make it simple & quick. Every person who stands will be counted in the record! "I AM COUNTING ON YOUR ATTENDANCE." Thanks Ann Marie.

Bring your Customer Comment Form to give to Taskforce or PSC staff! WEAR RED! EVERYONE MUST ENTER through GARDEN ROOM. Bring a Return Address Label to expedite signing in at PSC meeting.