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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160101-WS - Application for Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in Pasco County by Utilities, Inc. of Florida
Attachments: Letter to PSC 3-23-17.pdf
Importance: High

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160101-WS. Thank you.

From: Simpson, Wilton [<mailto:SIMPSON.WILTON@flsenate.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Polmann; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Brisé; Office of Commissioner Patronis; Braulio Baez; Office Of Commissioner Graham
Cc: Ann Marie Ryan; Parker, Judy; Ochs, Jared; Corcoran, Richard; Perrin, Rachel
Subject: Corcoran/Simpson Letter to PSC
Importance: High

Please see attached letter.
Regards,
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WILTON SIMPSON
Majority Leader

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www.myfloridahouse.gov

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RICHARD CORCORAN
Speaker

March 23, 2017

Julie Brown, Chair
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Chairman Brown,

Once again, we are writing to you regarding our constituents in the Summertree community located in Pasco County.

For several years, we have voiced our serious concerns about the high prices being charged and the quality of the water being received by these citizens.

The water quality issues have largely been resolved as a result of the recent interconnection with Pasco County's water system. However, the citizens we represent continue to have very serious issues and concerns with what they consider to be exorbitant water rates and poor-quality customer service provided to them by this utility.

Furthermore, these residents have informed us the Public Service Commission is considering barring them from testifying at an upcoming proceeding.

To put it plainly, this is unacceptable. It is of the utmost importance that our citizens and taxpayers are afforded further opportunity to express their grave concerns at a public forum.

As you may be aware, the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives have recently taken aggressive steps to hold all governmental entities to higher standards of transparency and accountability.

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As such, the Public Service Commission's protocols and procedures should always reflect the State of Florida's longstanding commitment to transparency and accountability.

Regards,



Richard Corcoran
Speaker



Wilton Simpson
Senate Majority Leader

cc: Public Service Commissioner Patronis
Public Service Commissioner Graham
Public Service Commissioner Brisé
Public Service Commissioner Polmann
Braulio Baez, Executive Director, Florida Public Service Commission