

Brandy Butler

From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: URGENT TIME SENSITIVE: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request (ID:4A9FA9BF003C37C2)

Good Morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 20160101-WS. Thank you.

From: Guy H. Blakey [mailto:guyb@ffcinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 9:43 AM
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Cc: Constantine, Lee
Subject: URGENT TIME SENSITIVE: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request (ID:4A9FA9BF003C37C2)

Is the below true?? If so it is extremely DISTURBING!! Staff votes to give a utility a SCANDALOUSLY HEINOUS rate increase, that gives the shaft to citizens, and they leave PSC to get a job with a utility??

Do your jobs commissioners and MANAGE your staff. I would tell you to FLUSH the staff recommendation, but I can't afford the water bill.

July 30 , 2017



OBSCENE RATE INCREASES

Lee Constantine, commissioner, Seminole County:

The Public Service Commission staff's habit of leaving for jobs from the very companies they are authorized to regulate

has always brought into question their ethics and judgment. But their latest recommendation makes me shake my head in disbelief. With the PSC decision looming on Utilities Inc.'s consolidation rate increase Aug. 3, the

staff is supporting a \$5.5 million increase, with more than \$4 million, or 70 percent-plus, coming from customers in Seminole, Orange and Lake counties. One system, in Orange, would see a 212 percent rate increase. We should not subsidize Utilities Inc.'s 16 separate systems. State law requires a "reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory" rate. Public Service commissioners, abide by the law: Say no to these obscene rate increases.

-----Original Message-----

To: Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us, Commissioner.Polmann@psc.state.fl.us, Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us, Commissioner.Brise@psc.state.fl.us, WTRIERWE@PSC.STATE.FL.US, EKNOBLAU@PSC.STATE.FL.US, AMNORRIS@PSC.STATE.FL.US, pbuys@psc.state.fl.us, RGRAVES@PSC.STATE.FL.US, sbruce@psc.state.fl.us, MFRIEDRI@PSC.STATE.FL.US, LKING@PSC.STATE.FL.US, CSTAUFFE@PSC.STATE.FL.US, RBRISE@PSC.STATE.FL.US, JSEWARDS@PSC.STATE.FL.US, WTAYLOR@PSC.STATE.FL.US, gshafer@psc.state.fl.us, KHETRICK@PSC.STATE.FL.US

From: "Guy H. Blakey" <guyb@ffcinc.com>

Subject: Fw: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request

Date: 7-27-17 11:52am

It appears members of my PSC team have authored utility rate recommendations to the PSC that I find to be **outrageously unreasonable**.

I am requesting a timely response from your office regarding your position concerning your Staff's recommendations and if you can implement a more reasonable rate increase phase-in can to be recommended before the PSC meeting on **August 3**.

-----Original Message-----

To: CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US, Contact@PSC.STATE.FL.US

CC: "Constantine, Lee" <lconstantine@seminolecountyfl.gov>

From: "Guy H. Blakey" <guyb@ffcinc.com>

Subject: Utilities, Inc. Florida Docket No. 20160101 rate increase request

Date: 7-27-17 10:17am

To whom it may concern:

If this new consolidated rate increase recommended by Staff is approved, Seminole County residents will have the inequitable burden of paying \$3,858,438 million of the \$5,512,904 rate increase. That means, out of the 16 systems in Utilities, Inc. portfolio, Seminole County's 3 systems would be paying 70% of the increase. Therefore, we would be subsidizing the other Utilities, Inc systems in the State. Is Staff complying with State statute 367.0812 that requires that rates be **"just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory"**?

My last water bill was \$78. If this goes through my water bill will be an appalling \$124!!! Thankfully I am not in the UIF service area or my bill would skyrocket to \$178. What about people on fixed incomes? I suppose they just skip a few meals? This is OUTRAGEOUS. No other "business" could get away with a heinous rate increase like this (Spectrum Cable can but I am able to cancel their service). The only option to avoid this disgraceful and egregious increase is to sell and relocate. That is not reasonable, feasible or fair.

Please do not allow this scandalous and discriminatory rate increase to proceed as proposed. A reasonable increase to ALL of the Utilities Inc. systems, phased in over 5 to 10 years would be much more equitable.

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