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TO: Florida Public Service Commission and  
Lee County Commissioners

Subject: Hearing Regarding Increase in Water Rates as requested  
by Florida Cities Water Company.

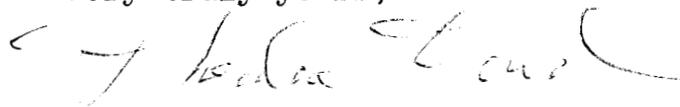
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County managed the Water, Sewer, And Garbage services and not private  
companies.

The rate that I now pay for water alone in one (1) month here  
in Ft. Myers, Fl. are equivalent to those that I paid for WATER, SEWER,  
and GARBAGE for THREE (3) months in Arlington, Virginia.

Obviously there is something very wrong with the management of  
this local water company. Whether its gross incompetence and inefficiency  
with the management or excessive salaries that are not warrented, the  
solution is not a rate increase.

The Commissioners are urged to study these low rates in  
Arlington County, Virginia and elsewhere and correct the problem  
which is within the poorly managed Florida Cities Water Company.

Very truly yours,



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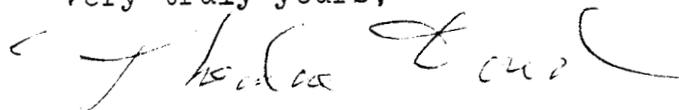
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