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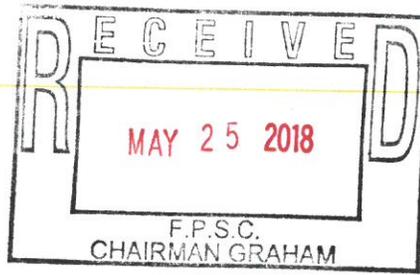
From: Betty Leland
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Orange Land Utilities Rate Case
Attachments: Letter from Mike Wells - Docket 20170230.pdf

Good morning:

Please place the attached email in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket #20170230.

Thanks.

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May 7, 2018

Florida Public Service Commission
 Chairman Art Graham
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Re: Orange Land Utilities, Rate Case, Docket Number 20170230-WU

Dear Chairman Art Graham,

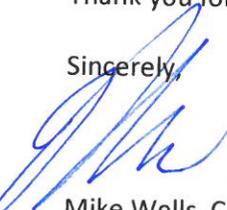
On behalf of the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, I am advocating for Pasco County's citizens, who are also customers of Orange Land Utilities in New Port Richey, Florida.

The utility company proposes rates that are over two times the current, established rates, and will present a hardship for these citizens. The system has existed for decades – consisting of a simple well, disinfection, and distribution network. It is difficult to understand how the cost per thousand gallons of water for such a basic system can increase from \$2.15 to \$4.82. Furthermore, the staff analysis currently provided lacks sufficient detail to even evaluate the relevant issues and the basis of this increase – listing costs and depreciation elements with no justification or detail in how they were derived. By way of comparison, Pasco County Utilities charges \$1.85 per thousand gallons for the same block rate. It has also been brought to my attention that these citizens have concerns over the quality of water and service they are receiving.

The Board asks that your staff give careful consideration to the rates being requested by the utility company and consider what is fair given the actual cost to operate the system, the quality of the service provided and the impacts such high rates will have on these citizens' quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,


 Mike Wells, Chairman
 Pasco County Commissioner
 District 4

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