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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:04 PM
To: 'Yossi Edelkopf'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket 20250023-WS – Objection to Staff's Proposed Rate Increases

Good Afternoon

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250023, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,
Nick Holmes
Commission Deputy Clerk II
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Grenelefe and the president of one of the condominium associations directly impacted by Docket 20250023-WS. I am writing to **object to the proposed increases that unfairly burden existing customers.**

The record is clear:

- In **2022**, the utility's owner filed an affidavit with this Commission swearing he would provide funding for all reasonable capital needs and operating deficits.
- In **2023–2024**, the utility and developer assured Polk County and this Commission that the system had "ample capacity" to serve hundreds of new homes.
- Now, in **2025**, PSC staff are proposing to shift nearly **\$20 million in capital costs** onto existing ratepayers, which would raise our bills by multiples of the national average.

This directly conflicts with **Rule 25-30.580, F.A.C.**, which requires that at least **75% of plant expansion costs** be recovered through contributions-in-aid-of-construction (new connection fees), limiting existing customers'

share to no more than 25%. The staff's recommendation violates that principle and undermines the "growth pays for growth" standard that protects current homeowners.

Forcing existing residents to absorb the majority of these extraordinary costs is both inequitable and contrary to Commission policy. We urge you to enforce the affidavit assurances, uphold Rule 25-30.580, and ensure that the costs of new development are borne by those who benefit — the developer and new homeowners — not current customers.

Yossi Edelkopf

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