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Dear commissioners:

I am a landowner in Marion County, Florida. Recently (April 28, 1998) I was informed that Florida Water Services Inc. (FWS) has submitted an application to amend its Marion Oaks water and wastewater service area that includes my land.

I have not been contacted by representatives of FWS, nor have I requested service from the utility and yet they are attempting to certificate my land. Furthermore, the Marion Oaks system has substantially higher user rates than other utilities in the county.

My reasons for not wanting to be included in this proposed certification include:

1. The State of Florida has a large wildlife preserve within the area to be certificated. This could not be developed while a wildlife preserve.
2. I understand from talking with members of the Consumer Affairs Division of your department that it is possible for any one certificated to charge me a fee even though I was not connected to their system or using their service in any way. I find this possibility very disturbing. If current law provides for such a thing to occur, then the law should be changed. This smacks of, "lack of due process" while depriving a citizen of his property (money).
3. The population density of this area is low. It would be prohibitively expensive to try to provide service.
4. No need has been demonstrated for such a service in this area.
5. If a compelling need were to ever be demonstrated, I would want to have the opportunity to input and control implementation of any system.

ACK _____ For these reasons I object to the proposed certification amendment to increase
 AFA _____ the Marion Oaks water and wastewater service area. I also object to the fact that
 APP _____ potential captives of such certifications apparently get no formal notice of pending
 CAF _____ decisions that can subject them to unwanted and/or unnecessary consequences.

CMU _____ Very Truly Yours,
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