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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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Re: Bayside Utilities--Document No. 981403-WS
Application for Transfer of Certificates Nos. 469-W and 358-S

Beginning in mid-July of 1998 the residents of Bayside Mobile Home Park were advised that the Public Service Commission would hold a public meeting to discuss an increase in water and sewer rates. Even though under no obligation to announce their six months Rate Case Study, there were only ten working days in which to analyze the Staff Assisted developed data and to prepare a suitable response. Notwithstanding the short time, The Bayside Homeowners Association was able to obtain the signatures of one hundred and ninety six residents (196) petitioning that the city of Panama City Beach assume operation of Bayside Utilities.

During the next several months we met singularly and collectively with members of the Bay County Commission and the Panama City Beach City Manager. We felt that a reasonable assessment of the income and outlays of the utility would generate a favorable environment for the city or the county to operate the utility. Ref. Letter J. Austin to J. Garcia, dated May 30, 1999.

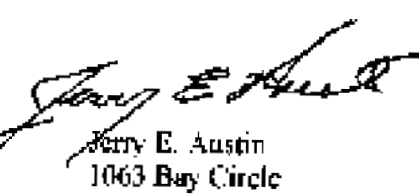
We filed a formal protest to the Commission approved rate increases, however, when faced with financial costs beyond our means, we voluntarily withdrew our objection.


In November of 1998 we were advised that the sale of Bayside Utilities, Inc. to Bayside Utility Services, Inc. was imminent. We objected to this sale and to the transfer of Certificates 469-W and 358-S by letter of November 12, 1998.

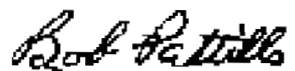
Since our objection filed in mid-November, we have negotiated or sought to negotiate a reasonable solution with the Panama City Beach City Manager and with one or more of the Bay County Commissioners.

At this time it appears that these efforts will bear no fruit.
Accordingly, we the objectors withdraw our objections
to the transfer of certificates 469-W and 358-S
to Bayside Utilities Services, Inc.

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