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MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2009

To: Office of Governor Charlie Crist State of Florida The Capital 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0001

From: Eva Rush
5912 Jessup Dr.

Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0001

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Subject: Water/Sewer Rate Case Docket #080249-WS

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Governor Crist,

I am writing to you to plead the case of Forest Lake Estates, Zephyrhills Fl., against Labrador Utilities Inc.

We are retired residents living in a manufactured home park with 894 lots and about 300 RV lots.

It has been recommended by The Division of Economic Regulation of Tallahassee, Fl., to the PSC Commissioners that our water/sewer rates be increased from \$58.05 to \$87.67 for 3,000 gallons of water.

Governor, 3,000 gallons of water will not wash our cars, our homes, or allow us to water our yards. We are people who have worked diligently all our lives, saved and invested our money. The recession has also affected our pension plans, 401K's and other investments.

We realize Labrador Utilities has a right to make a reasonable profit. We were business people ourselves but a 51% increase is outrageous especially with the poor quality of water they provide. For years we have had to buy water to drink and cook with. Further, the rank odor from the sewer plant is something we have to put up with every day.

Governor Crist, I am pleading with you for this community I live in to look into this case. The residents have not been treated fairly.

The PSC Commissioners will be making their decision on this rate hearing case on 2 June, 2009

Sincerely

Eva Rush

Katie Ely

080249

From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Monday, June 08, 2009 10:33 AM

To:

Katie Ely

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: To CLK FW: Water Increase for Labrador Inc.

Please add to docket file.

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 1:30 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: To CLK FW: Water Increase for Labrador Inc.

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From: Diane Beauregard [mailto:beauregard.diane@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 1:21 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Water Increase for Labrador Inc.

DOCKET # 080249
REGARDING LABRADOR INC.

DIANE AND LOUIS BEAUREGARD 6333 UTOPIA DRIVE ZEPHYRHILLS FLORIDA 33540

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING YOU IN REGARDS TO THE DECISION MADE ON JUNE 2ND./09 REGARDING THE INCREASE ALLOWED FOR LABRADOR INC. I AM ABSOLUTELY APPAULED WITH THIS DECISION THE COMMISSIONERS MADE IN FAVOUR OF LABRADOR INC. I FIND THIS INCREASE IS TOO EXTREME AND IT PUTS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, AS IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH GOING ON AT THIS TIME, WITH THE ECONOMY IN A TERRIBLE STATE. I FEEL THAT THIS DECISION HAS BEEN WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO PAY THESE RATES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

DIANE BEAUREGARD

Katie Ely

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From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Monday, June 08, 2009 10:31 AM

To:

Katie Ely

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: To CLK FW: Water rates

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From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 3:40 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: To CLK FW: Water rates

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From: Jim and Eva [mailto:jrush33@tampabay.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 3:30 PM

To: Consumer Contact **Subject:** Water rates

I AM WRITING TO PROTEST THE DECEISION ON DOCKET NUMBER 080249 THAT WAS GIVEN JUNE 2ND 2009. I FEEL LIKE THE PEOPLE OF FOREST LAKE ZEPHYRHILLS, FL HAVE BEEN GIVEN A GREAR INJUSTICE. THERE WILL BE A PAY DAY SOME DAY, EVA RUSH 5912 JESSUP DR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33540

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TIMOTHY DEVLIN, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (850) 413-6900

Hublic Service Commission

May 29, 2009



Gene Mercer 6114 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WS

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Dear Mr. Mercer:

Thank you for your letter in which you expressed your concerns about a rate increase petition filed by Labrador Utilities, Inc. To ensure that the Commission staff and the Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your letter has been placed on the correspondence side of the docket file for all to review.

We understand your concerns regarding the Utility's proposed increases. If you have any additional questions, or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 413-6427 or e-mail me at cmouring@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely.

Curt Mouring

Regulatory Analyst

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher)

Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 080249-WS)

Office of Public Counsel

State of Florida



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DATE:

May 29, 2009

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Curt Mouring, Regulatory Analyst II, Division of Economic Regulation

RE:

Docket No. 080249-WS, Application for water and wastewater rates in Pasco

County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Attached is a document for inclusion in the correspondence file for Docket No. 080249-WS, Application for water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

The document is a seven page letter dated May 4, 2009, to the Curt Mouring from Albert Mercer sent via Eva Rush concerning billing and water quality.

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ALBERT (GENE) MERCER 6114 Spring Lake Circle GARDA PUBLIC SERVICE Zephyrhills, Florida33540 COLMISSION Phone 813-312-3494

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BINISIUM OF ECONOMIC REGULATION

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

May 4,2009

To whom it might concern:

This is our twentieth year of residing in this home with the last five years being fulltime. Prior to retiring fulltime at 84 after a career of designing and teaching industrial hydraulics and three patents for devices handling human waste I feel qualified to offer the following system evaluation and history.

Because we appreciate the value and convenience of being able to have water at our fingertips and waste removal on demand the following modifications and use changes have been made or practiced.

- (1)...Reduced flushing water volume by reducing tank volume.
- (2)...Stopped using automatic lawn sprinkling system 5 years
- (3)...We have created a more efficient and sanitary system of cleanliness by eliminating the shower.
- (4)...Our vehicle is washed at a car wash.
- (5)...We water our plants by carrying 1 gallon containers to eliminate the waste of a hose or sprinkler.
- (6)...Our dishwasher uses a thrifty 6 gallons never more than once a day.
- (7)...Our home is washed never more than once per year, the last time being 07-27-08 and was included in our billing of 08-15-08 \$56.36 and daily usage of 90 gallons. This indicates that house washing is not a major consumer.
- (8)...We wash clothing once a week with water at medium settings and cold water. Two normal loads and one light.
- (9)...Your employee checked our system 04-17-09 and found NO leaks.
- (10)..Our plumbing system was upgraded a few years ago by a Federal program to replace faulty material.
- (11).. My wife and I are the only occupants unless we include our dog.
- (12)..We consume bottled water only on an average of 40 gals. per month which adds a financial burden of \$ 31.60

Being people in the later years of life, 80 and 90, we have developed a consistency of behavior that borders on ritual and we appear to be in conflict with UTILITIES, INC. Enclosed please find documention to support our findings.

- (1)... A listing of 12 months of UTILITIES, INC. billings 2008.
- (2)... A listing of 3 months of UTILITIES, INC. billings 2009.
- (3)... A copy of April 12,2009 UTILITIES, INC. billing.

The following is a copolation of the inconsistencies and the errors that have occurred during the 12 months of 2008 and the 4 months of 2009.

(2008 and 2009)

- (a)...6 monthly billings that average 31 days,85 gallons per day, and a charge of \$53.39.
- (b)...6 monthly billings that average 30 days,122 gallons per day, and a charge of \$80.84.
- (c)...2008 must have been LEAP YEAR for it had 366 billing days.
- (d)...During 2008 billing charges increased 34%.
- (e)...During 2008 water billing increased 37 gallons per day...
- (f)...During this year we switched to bottle water at a rate of 40 gallons per month because our medication would not tolerate borderline water as supplied by UTILITIES, INC. This was an added expense of \$31.60 per month.
- (g)...At one point we installed a kitchen water filter system and eventually discontinued using it as bottled water was more economical.
- (h)...Our toilet bowl must be cleaned every 3 or 4 days for the water level becomes apparent due to its tan color.
- (i)...Individual home owners have had their water tested and apparently had purity readings lower than UTILITIES, INC. which seems to indicate that distance from the source has some bearing.
- (j)...04-12-09 billing is an increase of 230% over the billing noted on item (a) as water volume.
- (k)...04-12-09 billing is an increase of 269% water charge.

- (1)...We find it necessary to chemically clean our dishwasher once a month because of lime buildup.
- (m)...We have had our sewerage lines purged twice at a cost to us of \$215.00.
- (n)...Our proximity to the pumping station apparently has had some influence on our system.
- (o)...This home came equipped with a garbage disposal which never has been used for that purpose.
- (p)...We have replaced a toilet seal twice which seems to share the timing of pump station activity.
- (q)...We add laundry bleach to our toilet tanks periodically to remove the buildup of sludge and lime.
- (r)...If sludge and lime can be bothersome to the rest of the plumbing it certainly must have an impact on the water meters. I believe that we still have the original meter so a meter change is perhaps due.
- .(s)...12-15-08 billing begins: These are calendar days.
 12-15-08 to 01-12-09 = 29 days.
 01-13-09 to 02-12-09 = 31 "
 02-13-09 to 03-12-09 = 28 "
 03-13-09 to 04-12-09 = 31 "
 - (t)...01-12-09 billing charged with 32 days at \$2.43 per day. \$2.19 " " 30 " " 02-12-09 11 " 11 17 11 11 11 03-12-09 28 \$2.31 " 32 04-12-09 \$3.84 122 days

119 days

(u)...Look back into the billing history of 6114 Spring Lake Circle and you will find misreading of the water meter, over charges, and other irritations. The time is overdue for a new meter and reciprocity of incorrect charges. Improved water quality would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Albert Eugene Mercer

CC: Utilities, Inc.
Forest Lake Estates
Florida Public Service
Commission
F.L.E.N.S.

Utilities, Inc.

Labrador Utilities Inc Phone: (407) 869-1919 Collections: (800) 272-1919 Customer Service: (800) 272-1919

www.uiwater.com
-Summary of Service

Bill Date	Account Number	Due Date	Please	Pay
04/12/2009	0107800000	5/4/2009	\$ 122	.90
Name GENE MERCER		Primary Telep	phone # (813)	312-3494
Service Address 6114 SPR	ING LAKE CIR, ZEPHYRH	IILLS, FL, 33540		
activity Since Last Bill		•		
Previous Balance			\$64.58	
Payments received as of	04/12/2009		\$-64.58	
Balance as of 04/12/2009)			\$0.00
lesidential Water Service				
Water Base Charge			\$10.32	
7,330 gallons at \$5.16 pe	er 1,000 gallons		\$37.82	
Total Residential Water S	Service			\$48.14
Residential Wastewater Sen	ric e			
Wastewater Base Charge)		\$13.26	
Maximum Usage Charge	up to 6,000 gallons		\$61.50	
Total Residential Wastew	rater Service			\$74.76
otal Amount Due				\$122.90

Meter Reading Meter # 41960469
Current 1454020 04/07/2009
Previous 1446690 03/06/2009
Usage 7,330 Gallons
Number of Days: 32
Average Daily Use: 229 Gallons
Average Daily Cost: \$ 3.84

Billing History

W.F. 3877 4128 4128 (122.9

The payment for this bill is due upon receipt. Make check payable to: Labrador Utilities Inc.

Messages

UTILITIES, INC. WATER/SEWERAGE INVOICNG LOT 186

2008

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DATE	BILLING	DAYS	WATER	GALLONS		SEWERAGE	
01-09	\$ 53.89	29	\$ 15.31	2,680	92	\$38.58	?
02-10	57.92	33	16.33	2,990	91	41.59	?
03-11	62.46	29	17.47	3,340	1 1 5	44.99	?
04-09	46.23	31	13.38	2,090	67	32.85.	?
05-11	53.12	30	15.12	2,620	87	38.00	?
06-09	62.59	30	17.50	3,350	112	45.09	?
07-23	135.83	31	16.92	3,170	102	43.34	3,170
08-15	52.73	30	15.03	2,590	86	37.71	2,590
09-14	56.36	32	15.93	2,870	90	40.43	2,870
10-13	78.30	30	21.46	4,560	152	56.84	4,560
11-12	73.76	30	20.32	4,210	140	53.44	4,210
12-14	72.65	30	24.43	3,440	115	48.22	3,440
	804.84	365	209.20	37,910		521.08	37,910
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01-12	77.80	32	28.35	3,440	108	49.45	3,440
02-12	65.65	30	24.41	2,730	91	41.24	2,730
03-12	64.58	28	24.05	2,660	95	40.53	2,660
04-12	122.90	32	48.14	7,330	229	74.76	7,330
	330.93	122	124.95	16,160		205.98	16,160
			1 YEAR PR	OJECTION			
	992.79	366	374.85	48,480	130	617.94	48,480

Florida Public Service Commission SPECIAL REPORT March 2009

Question & Answers

Regarding Labrador Utilities, Inc. (ITEM #3

LAST APPROVED RATE INCREASE December 28,2004

2007 increased twice.

Water and sewerage utilities are permitted to adjust (raise) rates twice a year without the expense to the customer of a public hearing.

(ITEM #4

AVERAGE MONTHLY WATER AND WASTEWATER BILL March 2009 FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

The average monthly water and wastewater bill for resicustomer is \$12.40 and \$29.19 respectively.

AVERAGE FOR LOT 186 OVER LAST !6 MONTHS:

water \$20.88 wastewater \$48.47

Utilities, Inc.

1051 GALS. PERDAY

Bill Date

Account Number

Due Date

12/14/2008

1/5/2009

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Name	Primary Te	lephone # (813)				
Service Address	SPRING LAKE CIR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL, 33540	o		Meter Reading	Meter#	33256640
Residential Water Servi	ce			Current	48570	12/06/2008
Water Base Charge		\$9.03		Previous	17020	11/06/2008 E
12,620 gallons at \$0	0.00327 per gallon	\$41.27		Usage	31550 G	allons
12,620 gallons at \$0	0.00534 per gallon	\$67.39		Number of Days:	30	
6,310 gallons at \$0.	00516 per gallon	\$32.56		•	Consumption	Minton.
Total Residential W	ater Service		\$150.25	W	Consumption	•
Residential Wastewater	Service			*		
Wastewater Base C	harge	\$13.17		***		
Maximum Usage Ch	arge up to 6,000 gallons	\$61.14		16		
Total Residential Wa	astewater Service		\$74.31	. **		
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Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by

Labrador Utilities, Inc.

MR R J HUMPHREY 387 VALLEYVIEW AVE LONDON ON NSY 157

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Name Bol Amphrey	OG CET
Address 6351 JESSUP DR	- 體一句
Z-Wills FL 33540	TPS

If you want to let the Public Service Commission know how you feel about this case, you may fill out this comment form and return it by mail, or send a fax to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the file of this docket.

CONSUMER COMMENTS Dec# 080249-WS	DOC DAN
On March 5/2009 6pm you PSC Staff	ninistr UME
held a Customer Hearing meeting	TIO
at which time I made a presentation	A O DRRE
with regards to the WATER & SEWER	Shoot Shoot
rate increases that have happened	S. C. DEN
since 2007. I will FAX & E-Mail	日曜間
this presentation to you for your June	2
2 meeting. In short This presentation	
States, for 3000 GALLONS of useage,	
2007 Total Bill per Month \$55.81 07. 2008 " " \$58.05 47. 2009 Total " " \$69.81 257. 2009 Ut. Tuty Reguest " " \$94.39 69%	
2008 " " " \$58.05 470	Increase
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time, PLEASE FIND ATT Mched March 5/09 PRESENTATION	
Thenk you.	
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MARCH 5/2009 CUSTOMER HEARING PRESENTATION PACE 1 OF 2.

Labrador Utilities Rate Increase Customer Meeting Mar 5 2009 6pm Docket # 080249-WS

My name is Bob Humphrey and I would like to talk to you about four items I have concerns with.

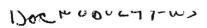
6351 JESSUP DR Z-Hills 33540

- 1 Initial Customer notice dated Jan 23 2009 states the income as reported to FPSC for Water revenue as being \$172,175.00 and expense of \$224,715.00 for a loss of \$52,540. Wastewater revenue was reported as \$338,315.00 and expense of \$273,917.00 and as reported this was a net operating income of \$114,397.00. These figures do not add up, out by some \$50,000. My concern here is what has been filed in the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFR"s) by Labrador to the FPSC & how accurate are they.
- 2 I have received at least three customer notices from Labrador, they being dated Nov 14 2008, Jan 23 2009, and Feb 16 2009 all reporting current and proposed charges for Water and Wastewater but could not be tracked on our bills each month. In December 2008 there where three water rate changes for that month alone. My suggestion would be to include dates in these columns for Utility requested Rate and for Commission Approved Rates so we can apply this to our water bills. There is a lot of confusion build into all these notices and I wonder if that's the purpose, as most people cannot relate to this information.
- 3 Labrador's 2009 rate as it exists today is a 25.09 % increase from the bills we received in 2007. If Labrador gets it's final requested increase as stated in our customer notice letters this would represent an overall increase of 69.13% from our 2007 rates . This is a total that we can not bear. I would like to present to you charts that show our rise in both water and wastewater from 2007 to 2009 ., and a dollar breakout using an average 3000 gallons per month, in 2007 this total monthly bill was \$55.81, in 2008 this total monthly bill was \$58.05 and 2009 current this total monthly bill is \$69.81 and if allowed the Utilities Final Rate request the total monthly bill would jump to \$94..39. My comment, Unbearable and Unbelievable.
- 4 The community of Forest Lake Estates is an over 55 years old senior community with most of it's resident's retired and living on fixed incomes such as Social Security and investments which we know have been hard hit this past year. I believe the cost of living increase for Social Security last year was around 5%. Having lived in this community since 1991 I have experienced many problems with our water before Labrador Utilities took over and since then with various odor causing problems, this winter has been one of the best as far as odor is concerned.

I realize that this company has made improvements to this facility and should expect to recover their costs but a 69% increase is way out of line. Having said that, a fair rate of return this day and age would be in the 5% area which is much larger than any investments are now returning. These costs also apply to our Co-op owned facilities such as our recreation hall ,pool water ,showers , washrooms, and kitchen areas and these costs are applied by the Co-op in the form of rent increases and maintenance fees back to the residents. In summary your commission is called the Florida Public Service Commission and we, your public would hope that you are working towards our best interests.

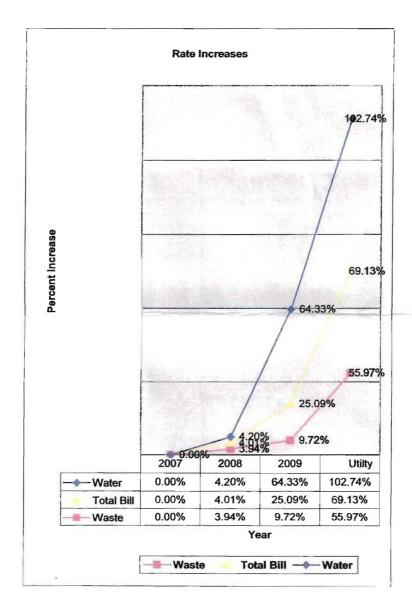
Thank You......Bob Humphrey......6351 JESSUP Drive 813-780-7647 Lot 413

ZEPHYRHILLS FL 3354



Meter reading prior mth. 661000
Meter reading current mth. 664000
Gallons of usage 3000

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		Gallons of usage	3000	
			% of increase	
Water	Water Price /1000 gallons		from 2007	Water
2007 Rate	\$6.28 + 3 × \$3.14	Bill for Water 2007	(\$15.70°) 0.00%	0.00% 2007
2008 Rate Nov 12	\$6.55 + 3 × \$3.27	Bill for Water 2008	\$16.36 4.20%	4.20% 2008
2009 Rate Feb 12	\$10.32 + 3 \times \$5.16	Bill for Water 2009	\$25.80 64.33%	64.33% 2009
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Dorothy Menasco

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FPSC, CLK - CORRESPONDENCE

DOCUMENT NO. 00874-09

DISTRIBUTION:

Administrative__Parties V_Consumer

From:

Dorothy Menasco

Sent:

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 1:09 PM

To:

'diane beauregard'

Subject: RE: docet # 080249-WS

You are very welcome! Have a great day!

Dorothy Menasco Chief Deputy Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 850-413-6770

From: diane beauregard [mailto:dianebeau@wotl.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 1:04 PM

To: Dorothy Menasco

Subject: Re: docet # 080249-WS

I thank you very much for your time to check on this. I have looked on the site and I have just thrown out the postcard. The title "Water Update" made me think that it had to do with the ongoing situation with Labrador Inc. Thank you once again.

Best Regards Diane & Louis Beauregard

---- Original Message -----From: Dorothy Menasco To: dianebeau@wotl.ca

Cc: Katie Ely; Ann Cole; Ralph Jaeger; Curt Mouring; Ruth McHargue; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Carol Purvis

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 12:54 PM

Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

Mr. and Ms. Beauregard:

We are in receipt of your e-mail below requesting information on receipt of a postcard titled "Water Update." After speaking with members of our office, staff, and legal department, we have determined that the postcard is not from the Florida Public Service Commission. However, I searched google.com for the telephone number you provided below and found that it may be a sales solicitation of some kind. This is one of the many websites that came up regarding same:

http://phoneowner.info/Number.aspx/8662040720

This correspondence will be placed in the consumer correspondence section of the Docket 080249. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.

Dorothy Menasco Chief Deputy Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 850-413-6770

5/27/2009

From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:47 PM

To: Katie Ely

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

It appears the customer is requesting information regarding the above docket.

Ruth

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 8:43 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

To CLK

From: diane beauregard [mailto:dianebeau@wotl.ca]

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2009 9:40 AM

To: Consumer Contact **Subject:** docet # 080249-WS

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Diane & Louis Beauregard

Dorothy Menasco

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Ralph Jaeger

Sent:

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 12:39 PM

To:

Dorothy Menasco

Subject: RE: docet # 080249-WS

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 12:29 PM

To: Ralph Jaeger; Curt Mouring Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:47 PM

To: Katie Ely

Cc: Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

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Ruth

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 8:43 AM

To: Ruth McHarque

Subject: FW: docet # 080249-WS

To CLK

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From:

Curt Mouring

Sent:

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 12:33 PM

To:

Dorothy Menasco

Subject: RE: docet # 080249-WS

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

DATE:

May 26, 2009

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Curt Mouring, Regulatory Analyst II, Division of Economic Regulation

RE:

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County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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The document is a one page letter dated May 22, 2009, to the Division of Economic Regulation, Office of Commission Clerk and Office of General Counsel from Eva Rush concerning the rate case for Labrador Utilities, Inc.

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Daniel, Fletcher, Lingo, Rieger) Office of General Counsel (Jaeger)

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MEMORANDUM

May 22, 2009

To: Office of Commission Clerk (Cole)
Division of Economic Regulation
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Office of The General Counsel (Jaeger)
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

From: Eva Rush
5912 Jessup Dr.

Docket No. 080249-WS

Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0819

First of all let me begin by thanking you for the telephone call Thursday, May 21, 2009, and for e-mailing the rate case report.

Needless to say I was stunned by your decision. With an economy in shambles and our people living on a fixed income in addition to the prospects of a minus CPI for the coming year I find the proposed increase in water/sewer rates outrageous. This increase is going to cause an additional hardship on the residents of this park. After going over this report I can see that you did not believe the residents of the park at the PSC meeting, but you did believe Labrador Utilities Inc. This proves the power of big business and the influence they have in rate cases. You are doing an injustice to the residents of this park. You have given Labrador Utilities Inc. an open book to charge whatever increase they want and you rubberstamp it. I have asked the residents why they did not complain more and they said we are tired of complaining as it does no good. Our complaints have fallen on deaf ears. The proposed increase supports their comments.

I ask where are all of you are at 6 AM in the morning when the rank odor starts and at 7 PM at night when the calls start complaining of the stated condition. We expected a raise but a raise of this magnitude disappoints me. Our only salvation is the PSC Commissioners who will make the final decision. An increase of 65% in our water/sewer rates is unthinkable. Do the PSC Commissioners have our best interests at heart? Only time will tell.

Sincerely, Eva Rush

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Katie Ely

From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:50 PM

To:

Katie Ely

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject:

FW: Docket # 080249-WS Attachments: scan0001.jpg; scan0002.jpg

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From: RobHmpr@aol.com [mailto:RobHmpr@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2009 1:03 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Docket # 080249-WS

Office of Commission Clerk.

I am writing concerning this water and sewer rate increase docket. On March 5, 2009, I made a presentation at this customer hearing and provided a copy of this presentation to your PSC staff. I now would like to provide you copies of this presentation so it will get into the Commissioners hands for their June 2, 2009, Agenda meeting. I have noticed in your Details of Docket Number 080249 in the Parties of Record and interested Parties you show the "Labrador Utilities & Rose Law Firm" but no interested Persons.Since we had our March 5 2009 customer hearing I do know that their where about seven presentations and I would believe that would indicate to me that these are very interested persons from the Forest Lake Estates community.

In summary I will show the rates of water and sewer increases for 3000 gallons for the years of 2007,2008,2009 and the percent increase that is currently esablished.

2007 Total bill \$55.81

2008 Total bill \$58.05 4% increase

2009 Total bill \$69.81 25% increase

2009 Utility requested increase \$94.39 69.13% increase . In these economic times it seems a 25% or even an unbearable 69% increase is way out of line. Realizing the utility has made upgrades to this Plant I still feel our Public Service Commission should be more aware of these hard times and put these increases in line with this economy by protecting your PUBLIC.

Thank youRJ (bob) Humphrey robhmpr@aol.com

MARCH 5/2009 CUSTOMER HEADING PRESENTATION PAGE 1 OF 2.

Labrador Utilities Rate Increase Customer Meeting Mar 5 2009 6pm Docket # 080249-WS My name is Bob Humphrey and I would like to talk to you about four items I have concerns with.

6351 JESSUP DR Z-Hills 33540

- 1 Initial Customer notice dated Jan 23 2009 states the income as reported to FPSC for Water revenue as being \$172,175.00 and expense of \$224,715.00 for a loss of \$52,540. Wastewater revenue was reported as \$338,315.00 and expense of \$273,917.00 and as reported this was a net operating income of \$114,397.00. These figures do not add up, out by some \$50,000. My concern here is what has been filed in the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFR"s) by Labrador to the FPSC & how accurate are they.
- 2 I have received at least three customer notices from Labrador, they being dated Nov 14 2008, Jan 23 2009, and Feb 16 2009 all reporting current and proposed charges for Water and Wastewater but could not be tracked on our bills each month. In December 2008 there where three water rate changes for that month alone. My suggestion would be to include dates in these columns for Utility requested Rate and for Commission Approved Rates so we can apply this to our water bills. There is a lot of confusion build into all these notices and I wonder if that's the purpose, as most people cannot relate to this information.
- 3 Labrador's 2009 rate as it exists today is a 25.09 % increase from the bills we received in 2007. If Labrador gets it's final requested increase as stated in our customer notice letters this would represent an overall increase of 69.13% from our 2007 rates. This is a total that we can not bear. I would like to present to you charts that show our rise in both water and wastewater from 2007 to 2009 ,,and a dollar breakout using an average 3000 gallons per month, in 2007 this total monthly bill was \$55.81, in 2008 this total monthly bill was \$58.05 and 2009 current this total monthly bill is \$69.81 and if allowed the Utilities Final Rate request the total monthly bill would jump to \$94..39. My comment, Unbearable and Unbelievable.
- 4 The community of Forest Lake Estates is an over 55 years old senior community with most of it's resident's retired and living on fixed incomes such as Social Security and investments which we know have been hard hit this past year. I believe the cost of living increase for Social Security last year was around 5%. Having lived in this community since 1991 I have experienced many problems with our water before Labrador Utilities took over and since then with various odor causing problems, this winter has been one of the best as far as odor is concerned.

I realize that this company has made improvements to this facility and should expect to recover their costs but a 69% increase is way out of line. Having said that, a fair rate of return this day and age would be in the 5% area which is much larger than any investments are now returning. These costs also apply to our Co-op owned facilities such as our recreation hall ,pool water ,showers , washrooms, and kitchen areas and these costs are applied by the Co-op in the form of rent increases and maintenance fees back to the residents. In summary your commission is called the Florida Public Service Commission and we, your public would hope that you are working towards our best interests.

Thank You......Bob Humphrey......6351 JESSUP Drive 813-780-7647 Lot 413

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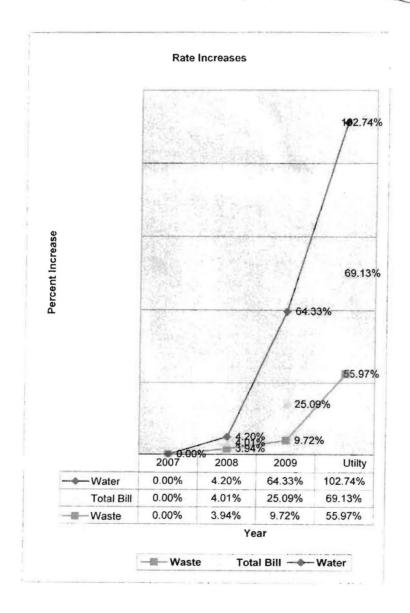
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Meter reading current mth. 664000
Gallons of usage 3000

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May 22, 2009

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Stephen B. Fletcher, Public Utilities Supervisor, Division of Economic Regulation

RE:

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Jim and Eva

From:

"Jim and Eva" <jrush33@tampabay.rr.com>

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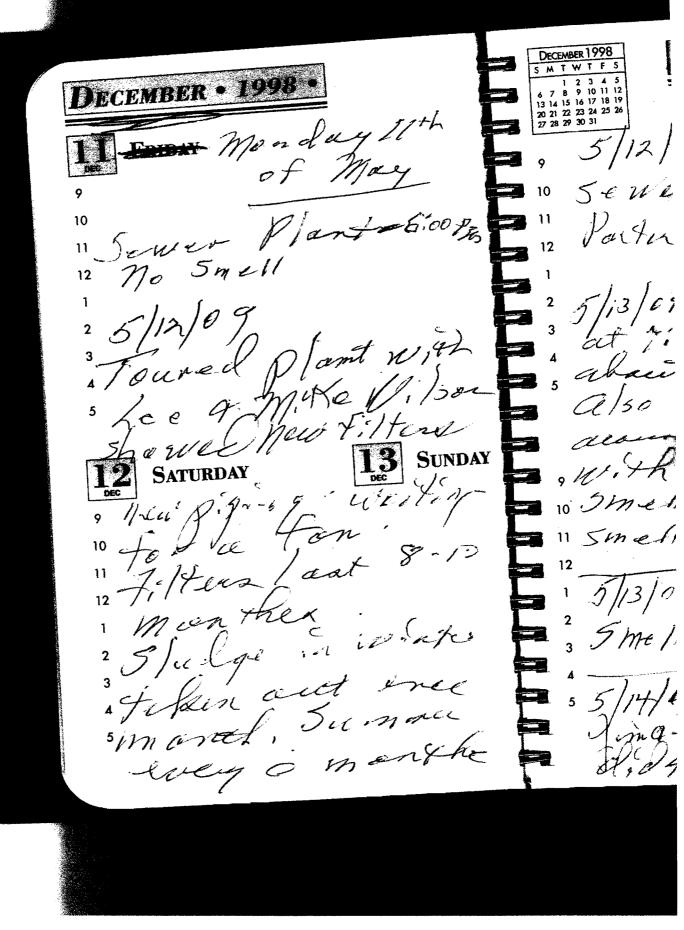
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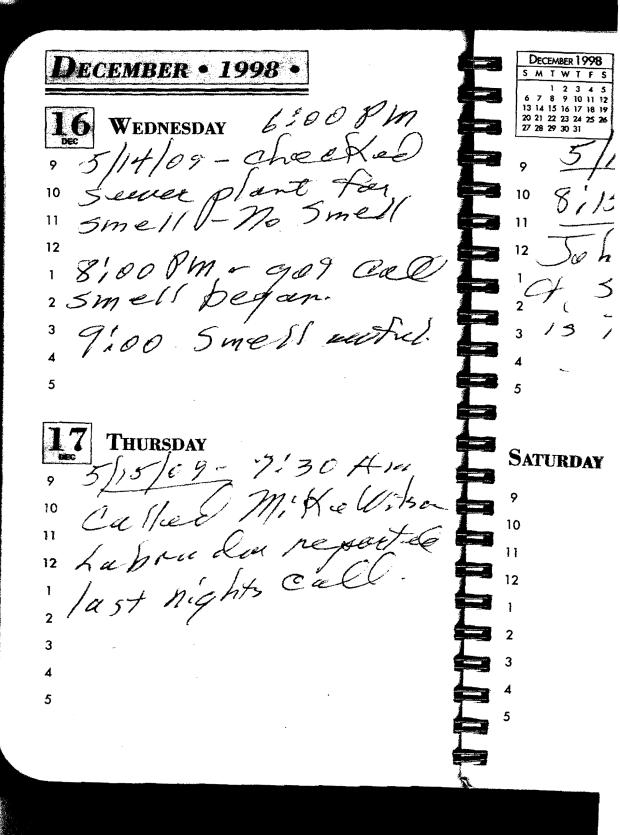
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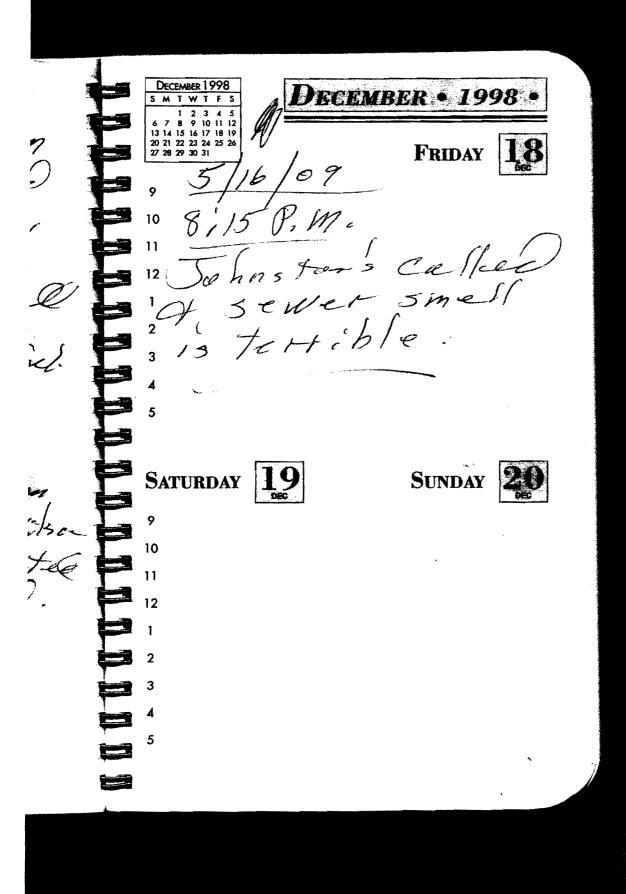
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TIMOTHY DEVLIN, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (850) 413-6900

Hublic Service Commission

May 14, 2009

Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WS

Dear Ms. Rush:

Thank you for your letter dated May 6, 2009, in which you express your concern over the sewage spills and general quality of service being provided by Labrador Utilities, Inc. (Labrador or Utility). To ensure that the Commission staff and the Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your letter will be placed on the correspondence side of the docket file for all to review. The concerns raised in your letter will be addressed in the quality of service issue in the staff's recommendation to the Commission.

We understand your concerns regarding the Utility's quality of service and the proposed increases. If you have any additional questions, or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 413-6427 or e-mail me at cmouring@psc.state.fl.us

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher)

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To: Mr. Curt Mouring Regulatory Analyst II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

From: Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Dr. Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0819

Subject: PSC Docket NO. 080249-WS

(PASS THIS INFORMATION TO ALL PSC COMMISSIONERS)

I am writing this letter because I am concerned for the residents of Forest Lake Estates. I woke up Tuesday morning thinking that 5 May, 2009, was going to be a beautiful day but "all hell broke loose".

I received a call from a resident who lives on Utopia Drive across from the water/sewer plant. They have lived there for 4 years and have to deal with the rank odor constantly being emitted from the water/sewer plant. They are contemplating on selling their home and leaving the park as they can no longer live under the present conditions.

This is a continuing problem that still needs to be addressed by the PSC. In fact, I am now asking the PSC to delay this rate hearing case for one year until Labrador Utilities proves they are capable of providing the service the residents of this park are paying for.

Is the PSC aware of the fact that we have had three sewage spills lately? The residents called Labrador Utilities who came and cleaned up the spill(s). The workers deny that there was a spill (s), however the residents saw the spill(s) on the ground. The residents of this park are 55 and older, but we still have our facalities are far from being senile.

The time to resolve this problem is now before any decision is reached on the rate hearing case. I want to thank you for all your help in the past.

Sincerely, Eva Rush

5/6/2009

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by

Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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Address	ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA 33540.	~7535

if you want to let the Public Service Commission know how you feel about this case, you may fill out this comment form and return it by mail, or send a fax to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the file of this docket.

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ALBERT (GENE) MERCER 6114 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills,Florida33540 Phone 813-312-3494



UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

May 4,2009

To whom it might concern:

This is our twentieth year of residing in this home with the last five years being fulltime. Prior to retiring fulltime at 84 after a career of designing and teaching industrial hydraulics and three patents for devices handling human waste I feel qualified to offer the following system evaluation and history.

Because we appreciate the value and convenience of being able to have water at our fingertips and waste removal on demand the following modifications and use changes have been made or practiced.

- (1)...Reduced flushing water volume by reducing tank volume.
- (2)...Stopped using automatic lawn sprinkling system 5 years ago.
- (3)...We have created a more efficient and sanitary system of cleanliness by eliminating the shower.
- (4)...Our vehicle is washed at a car wash.
- (5)...We water our plants by carrying 1 gallon containers to eliminate the waste of a hose or sprinkler.
- (6)...Our dishwasher uses a thrifty 6 gallons never more than once aday.
- (7)...Our home is washed never more than once per year, the last time being 07-27-08 and was included in our billing of 08-15-08 \$56.36 and daily usage of 90 gallons. This indicates that house washing is not a major consumer.
- (8)...We wash clothing once a week with water at medium settings and cold water. Two normal loads and one light.
- (9)...Your employee checked our system 04-17-09 and found NO leaks.
- (10)..Our plumbing system was upgraded a few years ago by a Federal program to replace faulty material.
- (11)..My wife and I are the only occupants unless we include our dog.
- (12)..We consume bottled water only on an average of 40 gals.

 per month which adds a financial burden of \$ 31.60

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Being people in the later years of life, 80 and 90, we have developed a consistency of behavior that borders on ritual and we appear to be in conflict with UTILITIES, INC. Enclosed please find documention to support our findings.

- (1)...A listing of 12 months of UTILITIES, INC. billings 2008.
- (2)... A listing of 3 months of UTILITIES, INC. billings 2009.
- (3)... A copy of April 12,2009 UTILITIES, INC. billing.

The following is a copolation of the inconsistencies and the errors that have occurred during the 12 months of 2008 and the 4 months of 2009.

(2008 and 2009)

- (a)...6 monthly billings that average 31 days,85 gallons per day, and a charge of \$53.39.
- (b)...6 monthly billings that average 30 days,122 gallons per day, and a charge of \$80.84.
- (c)...2008 must have been LEAP YEAR for it had 366 billing days.
- (d)...During 2008 billing charges increased 34%.
- (e)...During 2008 water billing increased 37 gallons per day...
- (f)...During this year we switched to bottle water at a rate of 40 gallons per month because our medication would not tolerate borderline water as supplied by UTILITIES, INC. This was an added expense of \$31.60 per month.
- (g)...At one point we installed a kitchen water filter system and eventually discontinued using it as bottled water was more economical.
- (h)...Our toilet bowl must be cleaned every 3 or 4 days for the water level becomes apparent due to its tan color.
- (i)...Individual home owners have had their water tested and apparently had purity readings lower than UTILITIES, INC. which seems to indicate that distance from the source has some bearing.
- (j)...04-12-09 billing is an increase of 230% over the billing noted on item (a) as water volume.
- (k)...04-12-09 billing is an increase of 269% water charge.

- (1)...We find it necessary to chemically clean our dishwasher once a month because of lime buildup.
- (m)...We have had our sewerage lines purged twice at a cost to us of \$215.00.
- (n)...Our proximity to the pumping station apparently has had some influence on our system.
- (o)...This home came equipped with a garbage disposal which never has been used for that purpose.
- (p)...We have replaced a toilet seal twice which seems to share the timing of pump station activity.
- (q)...We add laundry bleach to our toilet tanks periodically to remove the buildup of sludge and lime.
- (r)...If sludge and lime can be bothersome to the rest of the plumbing it certainly must have an impact on the water meters. I believe that we still have the original meter so a meter change is perhaps due.
- .(s)...12-15-08 billing begins: These are calendar days.
 - 12-15-08 to 01-12-09 = 29 days.
 - 01-13-09 to 02-12-09 = 31
 - 02-13-09 to 03-12-09 = 28 "
 - 03-13-09 to 04-12-09 = 31 "
 - 119 days
 - (t)...01-12-09 billing charged with 32 days at \$2.43 per day.

 02-12-09 " " 30 " " \$2.19 " " 30 " " \$2.31 " " 30 " " \$2.31 " " 32 " " \$3.84 " " 32 days
 - (u)...Look back into the billing history of 6114 Spring Lake Circle and you will find misreading of the water meter, over charges, and other irritations. The time is overdue for a new meter and reciprocity of incorrect charges. Improved water quality would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Albert Eugene Mercer CC:

CC: Utilities, Inc.
Forest Lake Estates
Florida Public Service
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UTILITIES, INC. WATER/SEWERAGE INVOICNG LOT 186

2008

DATE	BILLING	DAYS	WATER	GALLONS	DAILY	SEWERAG	E GALLONS
01-09	\$ 53.89	29	\$ 15.31	2,680	92	\$38.58	?
02-10	57.92	33	16.33	2,990	91	41.59	?
03-11	62.46	29	17.47	3,340	115	44.99	?
04-09	46.23	31	13.38	2,090	67	32.85.	?
05-11	53.12	30	15.12	2,620	87	38.00	?
06-09	62.59	30	17.50	3,350	112	45.09	?
07-23	135.83	31	16.92	3,170	102	43.34	3,170
08-15	52.73	30	15.03	2,590	86	37.71	2,590
09-14	56.36	32	15.93	2,870	90	40.43	2,870
10-13	78.30	30	21.46	4,560	152	56.84	4,560
11-12	73.76	30	20.32	4,210	140	53.44	4,210
12-14	72.65	30	24.43	3,440	115	48.22	3,440
	804.84	365	209.20	37,910		521.08	37,910
2009							
01-12	77.80	32	28.35	3,440	108	49.45	3,440
02-12	65.65	30 -	24.41	2,730	91	41.24	2,730
03-12	64.58	28	24.05	2,660	95	40.53	2,660
04-12	122.90	32	48.14	7,330	229	74.76	7,330
	330.93	122	124.95	16,160		205.98	16,160
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	992.79	366	374.85	48,480	130	617.94	48,480

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In your letter, you indicated that you are paying more for water and wastewater service when compared to the rates charged by other utilities in the surrounding area. Rates do vary between utilities for a variety of reasons. As utility rates are designed to cover the cost to run the utility and provide a reasonable return on the utility's investment, a multitude of factors will determine the level of rates to be charged. Such factors include: the type of water treatment method used, the level of debt and equity, the number of customers and the amount of plant that is being used to serve the customers. Some utilities may have older infrastructure that is almost fully depreciated, where some may have new expensive equipment that has not been depreciated much. Also, by statute we do not regulate any municipal or county owned utilities, therefore, we do not have information on their rates. However, there are also many differences between Commissionregulated water and wastewater utilities and municipally-owned utilities that affect rates. For example, municipally-owned systems do not have any income or property taxes and have access to low interest construction loans. Further a city or county may issue bonds to finance capital improvements. Municipally-owned systems often serve a varied customer base and may structure rates which result in general service customers paying more than their fair share of costs than residential customers. Also, cities and counties may subsidize their water and wastewater operations through electric rates or other sources.

It should also be noted that the Utility's rate structure is comprised of a Base Facility Charge (BFC) and a gallonage charge based on usage. The BFCs are designed to generate the required revenue to cover the Utility's fixed operating costs. These fixed costs incurred by the Utility regardless of whether seasonal customers are present or not. Examples of fixed costs include: routine maintenance expenses for the water and wastewater treatment plants, the water distribution facilities, as well as the wastewater collection facilities. This is why seasonal residents are charged the BFC through the summer months. If seasonal residents were not charged the BFC while they are gone, the fixed costs of maintaining the utility system would be unfairly allocated to the year round residents.

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Regulatory Analyst

Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher) cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 080249-WS)

Office of Public Counsel

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2009

To: Department of Environmental Protection

13051 North Telecom Parkway **Temple Terrace, Fl, 33637-33637**

Attn: Mr. Frank Fulghum

Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

From: Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Dr. **Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0819**

Subject: Sewer Plant Odor

Dear Sir,

I am notifying you today about the rank odor being emitted from the sewer treatment plant located at Forest Lake Estates, Zephyrhills, Florida, 33540. This has been a continuing problem for the past several years. I would appreciate you investigate this problem as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

From: Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Dr. Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0819

Subject: Restricted Water Pressure

Dear Sir,

I am notifying you today about the restricted water pressure being experienced by residents of Forest Lake Estates, Zephyrhills Florida, 33540. Specifically, residents are limited to operating one appliance at a time that utilizes water due to the low water pressure in certain areas of our park. Additionally, we continuously receive complaints about the rank odor being emitted from the water/sewer treatment plant. Any assistance in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Eva Rush

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Subject: Docket #080249-WS

Encl: (1) St Petersburg Times Newspaper Article Encl: (2) PSC Handout at our Park Meeting

This article appeared in enclosure (1) on April 3, 2009. I am sure the PSC is well aware of the recession we are in and the effect it having on the residents of Pasco County and our country in general.

Presently, the PSC is considering Labrador Utilities request for a water/sewer rate increase. This is in addition to the CPI increase they get each year.

There is something else that I have found to be erroneous. Specifically, enclosure (2), the PSC Special Report, Titled Labrador Utilities, Inc, dated March 2009, Article 4, states "The average monthly water and wastewater bill residential customers are \$12.40 and \$29.19, respectively". The correct figures are \$58.05 for 3000 gallons of water, not \$41.59 plus \$25.00 for drinking water. I sincerely hope the PSC considers this higher cost in the final analysis and how it is going to affect the residents in this park. Do we pay our electric bill, our water bill or buy our medicines for the month. The decision the PSC makes on the proposed increase will go a long way in determining our standard of living in the future.

Sincerely,

Eva Rush Chairwoman of the Protest against

Labrador Utilities Water/Sewer Rates

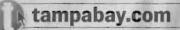
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Retiree raises may go away

The recession threatens the annual cost-of-living increases in Social Security checks.

BY JEFF HARRINGTON Times Staff Writer

Balancing retirement finances is getting tougher for the 50 million Social Security beneficiaries, including 600,000 in the bay area.

The recession is projected to wipe out annual cost-of-living increases on Social Security

benefits for the next three years, something that hasn't happened since automatic adjustments pegged to inflation were adopted in 1975.

get Office, which forecast the squeeze, also estimates in an admittedly sketchier projection that annual Social Security increases could average a meager 2 percent after that, extending through 2019.

It's a frightening forecast for 59-year-old Christine Adkins, a The Congressional Bud- social worker who lives in Weeki Wachee. She's not worried about herself, but for her 91-year-old mother, who increasingly relies on Social Security to pay for stay-

ing in a private home after her investments were decimated last

And Adkins fears for the senior citizens she helps at Hernando-Pasco Hospice. Already, many are struggling after the value of their homes and savings fell sharply. Some, she said, have the added financial burden of aiding

relatives who have lost their jobs. Hernando County's unemployment rate of 12.7 percent is the highest among bay area counties and one of the highest statewide.

"A lot of my elderly people are really on fixed income," Adkins said. "When everything else goes up, if Social Security doesn't go » See SOCIAL SECURITY, 7A

ENCLOSURE (1)

>> SOCIAL SECURITY continued from 1A

Retirees face Social Security slowdown

up a little they're really having problems."

The Social Security Administration is due to make the final decision on the 2010 cost-of-living adjustment in October based on inflation over the previous year. It would take effect three months later.

Just three months ago, Social Security beneficiaries enjoyed the biggest annual boost to their checks in more than a quarter century. With spiraling gas prices driving up the cost of living, Social Security checks were boosted 5.8 percent for 2009. That translated to another \$63 a month for the typical retiree.

Another economic reprieve is coming soon. As part of the stimulus program, the federal government in early May begins dispatching \$250 payments to people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Dave Bruns, a spokesman for Florida AARP, said that one-time payment will go a long way, but he's troubled by the prospect of a multi-year freeze on cost-of-living increases.

"The most important number is that one-fifth of Floridians age 65 and older — one out of five — rely on Social Security alone. It's their only source of income," Bruns said. "So anything touching Social Security is a very, very serious issue for more than a mil-

lion older Floridians."
In particular, Bruns said, rising
Social Security benefits are crucial to help offset rising and sudden health care costs. "By far, the biggest contributor to the devastation of older Floridians finan-

cially is not the stock market; it's unexpected health care costs," he said. "That's the most common cause of bankruptcy."

The prospect of a payout freeze was included in Congressional Budget Office projections issued last week. That same report drew attention for predicting that the Social Security trust funds will collect just \$3 billion more in cash receipts than they will pay out in benefits in the fiscal year that begins next October. A year ago, before the recession struck, the office predicted an \$86 billion cash surplus.

With a \$2.4 trillion balance in the trust funds, there is little immediate impact on payouts caused by having a smaller surplus. But it cuts into the federal government's flexibility to tap into the funds to pay for other programs.

The long-term solvency of the Social Security system is linked to the depth and length of the current recession. But even an economic bounceback won't eliminate the severe strains caused by the looming retirement of 78 million baby boomers. Short of any major congressional overhaul or new taxes, Social Security is projected to deplete its reserves by 2041.

More immediate, though, is the budget crunch facing retirees if Social Security benefits remain flat in coming years.

Raisa Ferro, a retired registered nurse living in St. Petersburg, worries about those with health problems who face rising deductibles for their coverage. Exasperated, she's looking for some answers.

"What'll happen? We're not going to go out and rob a bank," she laughs. "We have to adjust to whatever happens. The cost of living has gone up tremendously, so what can you do? What can a senior citizen do? I don't know."

Times wires contributed to this report. Jeff Harrington may be reached at harrington@sptimes.com or (727) 893-8242.

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SPECIAL REPORT

MARCH 2009

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by APR 0.6 2009 Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Florida Public Sanice Commission

DOCKET NO. 080249 - WS

On August 28, 2008, Labrador Utilities Inc. (Labrador or Utility) filed an application for increase in water and wastewater rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). Labrador is a Class B utility providing water and wastewater service to approximately 897 water and 892 wastewater customers in Pasco County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Labrador's rate request, the Commission will conduct a customer meeting to allow customer feedback about the Utility and the rate setting process. The Commissioners take customer comments, written and oral, into consideration in reaching a decision.

Customer Hearing

Thursday, March 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Forest Lake Estates
Community Clubhouse
6429 Forest Lake Drive
Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Why is Labrador requesting a rate increase?

Labrador is requesting a rate increase to earn a fair rate of return on its investment and to cover increasing operating costs.

When was Labrador's last approved rate increase?

The Utility's last approved rate increase was granted by Order No. PSC-04-1281-PAA-WS, issued on December 28, 2004, in docket number 030443-WS.

Presently, how much is the average monthly water and wastewater bill for residential customers?

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To check if a meeting has been canceled, look on the Commission's Web site (<u>www.floridapsc.com</u>) under the Hot Topics link on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

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the average monthly water and wastewater bill for residential customers is \$12.40 and \$29.19, respectively.

what if I can't make the customer hearing or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on the issue?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the hearing or in writing. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file. Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399 0850

The PSC will also accept faxes and e-mails.

Fax number: 1-800-511-0809

Internet e-mail address: contact@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, 080249-WS.

Customer comments are placed on the consumer side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider the utility's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, call the Florida Public Service Commission's Division of

Service, Salety & Consumer Assistance at

Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Curtis Mouring (850) 413-6427

Bart Fletcher (850) 413-7017

Patti Daniel (850) 413-6808

Stanley Rieger (850) 413-6970

For legal questions, contact: Raiph Jaeger (850) 413-6234

Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC Web site at www.fioridapsc.com. Click on **Dockets and Filings/Dockets** and then type in the docket number 080249.

When will the PSC make a decision? The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on April 9, 2009. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the April 21, 2009 Agenda Conference.

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Administrative Farties & Consumer Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WSOCUMENT NO. 0874-09

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March 24, 2009

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Katie Ely

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From: **Curt Mouring**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 8:59 AM Sent:

To: 'pfhannon@yahoo.com'

FPSC, CLK - CORRESPONDENCE Ruth McHargue; Katie Ely; Bart Fletcher; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks Administrative Parties Consumer Cc:

Subject: Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WS DOCUMENT NO. COB74-09

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Katie Ely

From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Monday, March 23, 2009 3:40 PM

To:

Katie Ely

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: Docket #080249-WS Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 1:37 PM

To: Ruth McHarque

Subject: FW: Docket #080249-WS Labrador Utilities, Inc.

To CLK for docket 080249

From: Paul Hannon [mailto:pfhannon@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 10:44 AM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Docket #080249-WS Labrador Utilities, Inc.

To: Florida Public Services Commision

The request from Labrador Utilities, Inc. to increase both water and wastewater rates to its customers at Forest Lake Estates in Pasco County is without merit.

Having attended the Customer Hearing in March 5, 2009 and as a customer with standing, it is apparent to me and, hopefully, to the Commission that the petitioner's request for an increase to the extent requested, is unwarranted. I join the other customers who attended the meeting in expressing our complete dissatisfaction over the quality of the water provided and the delivery of service especially to the wastewater processing by Labrador.

The odor and taste of the water provided is unsatisfactory. The vast majority of customers in attendance at the public meeting shared in their dissatisfaction of the water quality. Most expressed that they are not using the water for drinking and cooking. As a utility, Labrador has a public obligation to provide adequate service at a reasonable cost. The proposed rates, if unchallanged, will provide sub par water and wastewater service at extraordinary cost.

In discussions with some neighbors, I find that most would agree to a modest increase if the water quality were improved to the point where the customer would feel comfortable with the provided water by using it for drinking and cooking purposes. It is hard to imagine that this situation exists less than 3 miles from Zephyrhills, the city that prides itself on its water.

The wastewater service also needs to be improved by eliminating the odors coming from the processing facility adjacent to the affected Forest Lake Estates community. Again, I believe the community would find more acceptable a modest increase to wastewater service if this were accomplished.

As the public guardian of these basic human services, I join my neighbors ain asking that you apply an even hand as you deliberate the application for the rate increase.

Paul F. Hannon 5248 Naples Drive Forest Lake Estates Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Katie Ely

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From: Curt Mouring

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 11:39 AM

To: 'ggallant4@tampabay.rr.com'

Cc: Ruth McHargue; Katie Ely; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Bart Fletcher

Subject: Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WS

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'carlyle420@gmail.com'

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Sent: To: Monday, March 16, 2009 11:32 AM

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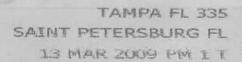
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Docket No. 090240 WS

My last 2 bills were \$79.00 and \$75.00. I live alone, do not have the second s have plants to water, and do not water the grass. I wash 3 loads of laundry every week- 2 are small loads and 1 is a large load. I run the dishwasher 1 time a week. I shower 4 days a week. I have a very good bladder therefore, do not have the need to flush the toilet ofter. They are saying I use about 3800 gallons a month. This is not right. I am expecting and even bigger bill next month because I washed a case of strawberries this month. I will have to move, with the water bills like this! I cannot understand how someone living in the Keys that has water piped down to them, can get a bill for \$10.00 a month and I am paying this outrageous amount.

Quite a while back there was a big leak at the meter. It was on a weekend and I called and they came out to fix it on Monday. I do not see why they should be guaranteed a specific rate of return for mismanagement of their business. I know everyone is being bailed out by the government for bad management, but it is time we stopped this and made people and businesses pay the consequences.

Sincerely distressed

Andrea Martlock 5917 Utopia Dr.

Zephyrhills FL 33540

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Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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Labrador Utilities Rate Increase Customer Meeting Mar 5 2009 6pm Docket # 080249-WS My name is Bob Humphrey and I would like to talk to you about four items I have concerns with.

BECENED FPSC OPMR 12 M 9: OV 1 Initial Customer notice dated Jan 23 2009 states the income as reported to FPSC for Water revenue as being \$172.175.00 and expense of \$224,715.00 for a loss of \$52,540. Wastewater revenue was reported as \$338,315.00 and expense of \$273,917.00 and as reported this net operating income of \$114,397.00. These figures do not add up, out by some \$50,000. .My concern here is what has been filed in the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFR"s) by Labrador to the FPSC & how accurate are they.

- 2 I have received at least three customer notices from Labrador, they being dated Nov 14 2008, Jan 23 2009, and Feb 16 2009 all reporting current and proposed charges for Water and Wastewater but could not be tracked on our bills each month. In December 2008 there where three water rate changes for that month alone. My suggestion would be to include dates in these columns for Utility requested Rate and for Commission Approved Rates so we can apply this to our water bills. There is a lot of confusion build into all these notices and I wonder if that's the purpose, as most people cannot relate to this information.
- 3 Labrador's 2009 rate as it exists today is a 25.09 \% increase from the bills we received in 2007. If Labrador gets it's final requested increase as stated in our customer notice letters this would represent an overall increase of 69.13% from our 2007 rates. This is a total that we can not bear. I would like to present to you charts that show our rise in both water and wastewater from 2007 to 2009 "and a dollar breakout using an average 3000 gallons per month, in 2007 this total monthly bill was \$55.81, in 2008 this total monthly bill was \$58.05 and 2009 current this total monthly bill is \$69.81 and if allowed the Utilities Final Rate request the total monthly bill would jump to \$94..39. My comment, Unbearable and Unbelievable.
- 4 The community of Forest Lake Estates is an over 55 years old senior community with most of it's resident's retired and living on fixed incomes such as Social Security and investments which we know have been hard hit this past year. I believe the cost of living increase for Social Security last year was around 5%. Having lived in this community since 1991 I have experienced many problems with our water before Labrador Utilities took over and since then with various odor causing problems, this winter has been one of the best as far as odor is concerned.

I realize that this company has made improvements to this facility and should expect to recover their costs but a 69% increase is way out of line. Having said that, a fair rate of return this day and age would be in the 5% area which is much larger than any investments are now returning. These costs also apply to our Co-op owned facilities such as our recreation hall ,pool water ,showers , washrooms, and kitchen areas and these costs are applied by the Co-op in the form of rent increases and maintenance fees back to the residents. In summary your commission is called the Florida Public Service Commission and we, your public would hope that you are working towards our best interests.

Thank You......Bob Humphrey......6351 JESSUP Drive 813-780-7647 Lot 413 ZEPHYRHILLS, FL

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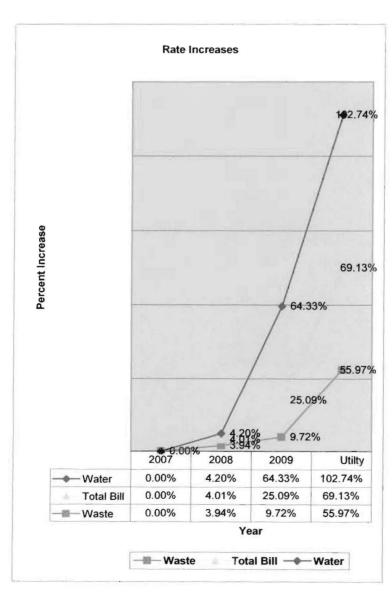
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2009 Rate Feb 12	\$13.26	\$10.25	Bill for Water 2009	\$44.01	9.72%	9.72%	2009
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Name Mrs Barbara Chatterson

Address 5946 Jessey On Lat 522

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03-08-09

Name PETER A & BARBARA J. NORKUS
Address 6114 TWILIGHT DR.
ZEPHYRHIUS FLA. 33540

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Important Notice Enclosed

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2335 Sanders Road Northbrook, IL 60062

> PETER NORKUS 8 SWIFT BEACH RD UNIT 42 WAREHAM MA 02571

Katie Ely

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From:

Ruth McHargue

Sent:

Monday, March 09, 2009 2:23 PM

To:

Katie Elv

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject:

FW: water and wastewater rate increase

Please add to docket file.

----Original Message----

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 11:34 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: FW: water and wastewater rate increase

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For docket 080249

----Original Message----

From: lyle hirschinger [mailto:carlyle420@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 10:55 AM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: water and wastewater rate increase

In regard to Labrador utilities rate increase currently under consideration, I would like to call to attention to Labrador's claim of average monthly water and wastewater bills of \$12.40 and \$29.19 respectively. Something fishy here, for every family of two including myself, that I talk to, is experiencing combined water and wastewater bills of \$61 to \$74 a month for 2600 to 3200 gallons of water usage in a month. Could it be that Labrador is including snowbirds not present but paying minimum monthly rates in the computation of their monthly average claim? If such, a distortion in the form of an understated average monthly water and wastewater bill would help make their case for Labrador's outrageous rate increase request.

Labrador utilities is quite adept at rolling fee increases into monthly minimum bills and gallonage use penalties. I urge you to once again deny their entire rate and fee increase request.

Address:

5912 Benz Pl Forest Lake Estates Zephyrhills, Fl 33540

Lyle Hirschinger

Katie Ely

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From:

Ruth McHarque

Sent:

Monday, March 09, 2009 12:22 PM

To:

Katie Ely

Cc:

Dorothy Menasco; Ann Cole; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject:

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----Original Message----

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 9:31 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 18740

To CLK

For docket 080249

----Original Message----

From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 5:16 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 18740

Complaint filed with PSC

Select County: PASCO CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: George Gallant Telephone: 813-779-0642

Email: ggallant4@tampabay.rr.com

Address: 6168 Jessup Dr.Box 511 Zephyrhills 03540

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Account Number: 1259800000

Address: Labrador Utilities Inc. P.O. Box 160609 Altamonte Springs Florida 32716-0609

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Details:

Yesterday the 5th of March ,we had meeting at the Forrest Lakes club house concerning the application for in wafer and wastewater in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities Inc, At the meeting, Consumers complaned about the problems we ar having with the tast and oder and a times the color of our water. There were over 400 people in the hall. There was a call for a show of hands asking how manny people bought water or filtered their water and over 95% raised there Hands.

If Labrador is in complience, Why do we have to take these actions so we can drink and cook with water that we are already paying for. They asking for an increase when they arnt giving the services we are already paying for.

This morning I drew water the color yellow. I hope that the compants you received will show you that they dont deserve the increase.

Thank you for your time.

George Gallant

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Name Lewis+ JANET Beekning MR-9 AMIO: 07

Address 5939 UTapia Pr.

Sephyshills, Fla. 33548

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COMMISSION CLERK

Name DIANE & LOUIS BEAUREGARD

Address 6333 UTOPIA DRIVE

ZEPHYRHILLS PL 33540 (813)780-2379

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costs as Labrador is doing.
Thank you

Katie Ely

From:

Ellen Plendl

Sent:

Monday, March 09, 2009 8:55 AM

To:

Kimberley Pena

Cc: Subject: Katie Ely email

Attachments:

FW: Labrador Utilities, Docket No. 080249-WS; RE: Labrador Utilities, Docket No. 080249-

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Docket 080249-WS

Email received and response sent.

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From:

Consumer Contact

Sent:

Monday, March 09, 2009 8:45 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Labrador Utilities, Docket No. 080249-WS

Attachments: Florida Public Service Commission.docx

Addressed to Commissioner

From: Jack Beresford [mailto:jberesford1@tampabay.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2009 12:41 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Labrador Utilities, Docket No. 080249-WS

Att'n Commissioner Nathan A. Skop.

Sincerly; John Beresford.

jberesford1@tampabay.rr.com

Florida Public Service Commission,

Office of Commission Clerk.

2540 Shumard Oak Bl'vd.,

Tallahassee,

Florida.

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Case Regarding Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 080249-WS

Att'n Commissioner Nathan A. Skop.

During the meeting of March 5, 2009 at Forest lake Estates, many points were brought up that are really not pertinent to the question at hand. I would like to focus on points that I think are at the base of the problem.

Quality of service and the product.

Reasons for requesting such an absurd increase in rate.

From the meeting you were subjected to many complaints from improper billing, accusatory attitudes from their staff and phone personnel. To be told that your water is going to be disconnected because you have indicated that an error has occurred in your bill and that you must pay or else. There are countless examples of similar attitudes.

The product we are told is potable. If this is so, I suggest that the water standards set for Florida are gravely out of line and should be improved on greatly. This has been an on going problem, far before Labrador Utilities purchased the Water treatment plant and as such was readily apparent to anyone wishing to purchase this business. Obviously those in charge of the purchase didn't consider the ramifications to correct the problem.

The plant had been operating from the beginning of the development and apparently at a profit. When Labrador took over the plant we were paying \$15.00 per month for our water. After Labrador took over, their bent was to increase revenue any way possible. They went to great expense to rejuvenate all of the water meters and institute a water rate to cover their expenses and bottom line and not to improve the quality of the water or rid us of the stench that comes from the waste water treatment plant.

Why did they have to make exorbitant rate increases? 1- Their Return on Investment was never considered when they purchased the facility and 2- they were experienced in the ways to lobby Government and get what they wanted. Had they done their

homework, they never would have paid the price they did for the facility and we would not be going through the pain we are now.

Are their demands reasonable? Absolutely not. Every resident in our park has had investments go bad on them and are having to live with them. The majority of the investments have been greatly reduced through no fault of their own. Not so with Labrador Utilities. They made this investment with their eyes wide open and now think that we are the ones to bail them out.

I was disappointed in your engineer's response to the question, what substantial improvements did you observe from 2007 to 2009? His answer was typically political and non-committal. Obviously there wasn't anything substantial to report. Assumption: more smoke and mirrors. My biggest disappointment was that you were even down here to consider giving them an increase. Where is the logic in giving an increase of 102% over a two year period? Or doesn't logic enter into such decisions? This is not and should not be treated like a negotiation or bargaining session as it appears to have been in 2007. They ask for an exorbitant amount knowing full well that you will cut them back and still give them too much.

Ask them the question. With the present return on your investment, how much would you expect to receive for the whole installation? The answer you will get is not as much as they paid for it in the first place. In other words, they have failed to manage their resource and investment at the expense of Forest Lake estates.

My perspective on this whole matter is total mismanagement from the purchase date to the present day.

Please don't make Forest Lake Estates the scape-goats for their bad investment decisions and bad management. I agree with the state allowing interim increase every 6 months, but when is enough enough?

Sincerely;

John. Beresford,

5833 Naples Drive,

Zephyrhills, Fl.

33540.

E-mail Address. < jberesford1@tampabay.com>

Katie Ely

From:

Ellen Plendi

Sent: To: Monday, March 09, 2009 8:54 AM 'jberesford1@tampabay.rr.com'

Subject:

RE: Labrador Utilities, Docket No. 080249-WS

Mr. John Beresford
jberesfordl@tampabay.rr.com

Dear Mr. Beresford:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to Florida Public Service Commissioner Nathan Skop regarding Labrador Utilities, Incorporated (Labrador Utilities). Given the nature of your concerns, Commissioner Skop feels it would be appropriate for specialized staff of the Division of Service, Safety and Consumer Assistance to respond directly to you.

You expressed a concern about Labrador Utilities' application for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco county. We appreciate your comments regarding the petition and will add your correspondence to Docket No. 080249-WS.

You also expressed a concern about water quality. You may contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to discuss water quality concerns, by using the following information:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Citizen Services 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 49 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Telephone: 850-245-2118 Facsimile: 850-245-2128

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 1-800-342-3552 or by fax at 1-800-511-0809.

Sincerely,

Ellen Plendl
Regulatory Specialist
Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Service, Safety, & Consumer Assistance
1-800-342-3552 (phone)
1-800-511-0809 (fax)

Katie Ely

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From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 2:01 PM

To: Katie Ely

Cc: Kimberley Pena; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: docket number, 080249-WS.

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 1:30 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: FW: docket number, 080249-WS.

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For docket 080249

From: cherylm827@aol.com [mailto:cherylm827@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 1:29 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: docket number, 080249-WS.

Last night I attended the customer hearing regarding Labrador Utilities, Inc.'s application for a rate increase and I wanted to throw out a few things that occurred to me after leaving the meeting.

First, I'm wondering why there was no "head count" taken other than the list of people who signed up to speak. To me, looking out at the sea of people gathered in that room spoke powerfully of the seriousness of this issue. One speaker, the woman who circulated the petition, mentioned that we are a community of retired folks, many of us living on fixed incomes, tenuously at best, and this ongoing water situation is causing stress, worry, health and money problems for people who came here to retire, relax and enjoy their senior years. Ever since Labrador purchased the water rights to this park, the price has increased rapidly while quality and service remain at a stand still.

Additionally, there were also several questions asked that received a unanimous response, I hope these will be apparent in the recording of the meeting.

I spoke to Mr. Rieger regarding the price we pay for our water as compared to the price our fellow townspeople pay for city water looking for someone to help me understand how it can be so skewed. He told me it's "apples and oranges" basically and I wonder why that is legal? Seems like something akin to price gouging...or like we're being held prisoners since we have no other options. My Mom lives less than two miles down the road and pays less than \$30.00 for 3000 gallons of water. This month, I paid \$33.91 for 670 gallons. The town/county won't bring water to us so we have Labrador or we sell and move. Now, I'm a year round resident, but I heard someone ask why Labrador charges winter residents the base rate through the summer months. The answer, I believe, was that the revenues from the summer customers wasn't enough to cover operating costs. I can't help but wonder how Labrador

will handle covering the ir operating costs when Forest Lake Estates becomes a ghost town when so many residents decide to cut their losses and move on to greener (because we can afford to water our lawn once a week) pastures!

Thank you for your time,

Cheryl Martel 6233 Utopia Drive Forest Lake Estates

813-788-2373

A Good Credit Score is 700 or Above. See yours in just 2 easy steps!

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February 26, 2009

LaVern Johnson 6309 Utopia Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Sir:

I refer to Docket No. 080249-WS, Labrador Utilities, Inc. I own a home and a land share In Forest Lake Estates. Labrador Utilities have in the past years, since taking ownership of The water and sewer, raised our rates from \$15.00 a month to over \$66.00. I paid \$66.88 Last month. A 400 % increase. Now they wish to almost double that rate. Why; because they Are a monopoly and we have no recourse. The Public Service Commission is the only entity That can help us! I believe they, as any business, should receive a fair percentage profit. You Tell me. What is fair? A eight hundred percent raise over the years is not fair. This new rate Will have a negative impact on home sales and eventually decrease the value of this community. These people have no conscience and will continue to bleed us for everything they can possibly Get out of us. Be their conscience for them or we are at their mercy.

Sincerely,

MR. Gallem Johnson LaVern Johnson

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February 27, 2009

Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540 FPSC, CLK - CORRESPONDENCE

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Re: Labrador Utilities, Inc. - Docket No. 080249-WS

Dear Ms. Rush:

Thank you for your petition from the homeowners of Forest Lake Estates in which you expresses your concern over the rate increase petition filed by Labrador Utilities, Inc. (Labrador or Utility). To ensure that the Commission staff and the Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your petition has been placed on the correspondence side of the docket file for all to review. Further, with respect to the billing concerns addressed in your letter, we will be investigating the issue. If we have any questions for the customer, we will contact her directly.

With respect to the development of rates, the Commission is required to set rates that are just, reasonable, compensatory, and not unfairly discriminatory. To determine the appropriate rates for service, the Commission uses a rate of return methodology as set forth in Chapter 367, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Under the rate of return methodology, a utility is allowed to earn a reasonable return on its prudently invested property that is used and useful in serving the public, less accrued depreciation plus an allowance for operating capital. This ratemaking process is used for all water and wastewater companies and is also used in the electric and gas industry. It is the same approach used throughout the country by various state and federal utility regulatory bodies.

There are many factors that affect the cost of providing service and hence, the rates charged to customers. Some factors affecting the cost of providing service include: the size and age of the utility system; the quality of the water at its source; the number of customers; and the geographic spread of the service area. During a rate case, the Commission's accountants, engineers and economists examine the financial and engineering information filed by the Utility as part of its rate increase application. The Commission's auditors also examine this information and publish the results of their findings in an audit report. All costs found to be imprudent or unreasonable are disallowed.

We understand your concerns regarding the Utility's proposed increases. Labrador filed for interim relief. In accordance with Section 367.082, F.S., the Commission is required to process Interim Rate Requests within 60 days of the filing. The Commission is required to allow the collection of rates sufficient for the Utility to earn the minimum of its approved range. As the time frame to process the interim request is 60 days, the statute dictates that the company need only make a prima facie showing that it is earning outside the range of reasonableness as established in the company's previous rate case. The interim increase is, however, subject to refund

Eva Rush February 27, 2009 Page 2

with interest based on the commercial paper rate. The interim increase will be refunded to the extent that the Commission finds that it was not warranted.

As you may be aware, the Commission will hold a customer meeting at the Forest Lake Estates Community Clubhouse on March 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and customers are encouraged to attend and offer comments.

We understand your concerns regarding the Utility's proposed increases. I hope the above information has been helpful. If you have any additional questions, or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 413-6427 or e-mail me at cmouring@psc.state.fl.us

Sincerely.

Curt Mouring

Regulatory Analyst II

cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher)
Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 080249-WS)
Martin S. Friedman, Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP
Office of Public Counsel

MEMORANDUM

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January 30, 2009

COMMISSION CLERK

To: Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Fl, 32399-0850

From: Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Dr. Zephyrhills, FI 33540-0819 FPSC, CLK - CORRESPONDENCE _Administrative_Parties Consumer DOCUMENT NO. 00874-09 DISTRIBUTION: ECL

Subject: PSC Docket NO. 080249-WS

This Petition from the homeowners of Forest Lake Estates, Zephyrhills, Fl, is being sent to you to protest the rate increase that Labrador Utilities Inc., has proposed in Docket NO. 080249, dated November 14, 2008.

When we are granted an all park meeting we will provide the PSC Staff with data we think will prove Labrador does not deserve this raise in water/sewer rates.

Sincerely, Eva Rush

We the residents of FLE PROTEST the INCREASE in the WATER and WASTEWATER rates that Labrador Utilities Inc.

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NAME LOT#

NAIVIE	LOI#	DATE
Judi Cooper	4870	2-12-09
MARIE COLYER	823	2-12-09
Susan PiEDENburg	27	2-12-09
Marian Balliett	821	2-12-09
BRAD TOPRENS	320	2-12-09
HAROLD MEGINNESS	254	7-12-09
Itan, Strafeldo	167	2-1209
Richard Dresses	29	2-1209
Carey Nickerson	80P	2-12-09
Helen Throuse	91	2-12-09
Thargaret O Dannell	193	3-12-09
Junk & De Marco	99	2-12-09
Page Elmo	819	2-12-09
Agree Eline	3.54	2-12-09
David Hang Marchifler	437	2/209
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Junge of Just	828	2/12/09
Oslava Ellerinis	274	2/12/09
Joan Ruharda	307	2/12/09
Kid (Inbeham	743	2(12)09
Robert J. Zeller	82	2/12/09
Wal Lound	324	2/12/09
Cefford Sought	86	2-15-09
Dougla C. Calcott	238	2-12-09
Solvin D. Noveras	341	2-12-09
Chichard CLeene	30	02/12/09
Jane H. Kozmer	94	2/12/09
Aletricia har	596	2/12/09
Jerry Vargiels	۵>۶	2/12/09
Barbara Hickolyon	587	2/12/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE			
William Clarke	184	2-06-09			
Dee Breight	190	2-06-09			
Dan Javage	201	2-06-09			
Carol Perham	202	2-7-09			
BERYL PATRICK	CEFT.	27.09			
John a Jones	214	2-7-09			
Viola Goods	218	2-9-09			
Malee Surndlehust	2/2	2/09/09			
Ramona Howell	200	2-9-09			
Mystle & Raney	199	2-9-09			
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
William V Gronne Thompson	198	2-3-09
Bellingen Seven i Sisan Park	am 197	2-8-09
Ber Granson	192	2-6-09
Sidney & Connie Do Vicus	189	2-6-09
William Morris	181	2-6-09
Mary E. Pane	208	2-6-09
Patricia A Lane	171	2-4-69
Helen Baker	177	2.6-09
Ronald O Keener	173	2-6-09
Warlen E. Stroken	165	2-6-09
and E. Conset	62	2-6-09
Smutte Christ	154	2-6-09
Dala Brank	156	2/6/09
Betty Frame	163	2-7-09
Likard K. Hox	164	2-7-09
Ron: Nancy Thompson	168	2-6-09
John Riles	175	2-6-09
Edason	179	2-6-09
& judy thirse	183	2-6-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Tal Stone	530	7-4-09
Elizabeth Maurin	529	2/4/09
Margaret Shark	5/7	2/4/09
Law C Beeling.	510	2/4/09
Joan atkins	515	2/4/09
Orgene Baton	516	2/4/09
Royanne Smith	527	2/4/09
lave lent	524	2/4/09
Ida Begintier	499	2/4/09
DanWord	535	2/4/09
may and William	493	2/4/09
Kary Heales	491	2/4/09
Richard a Sheffer	486	2/4/09
axolrea & Marttock	479	2/4/09
Vel Dumini	474	2/4/09
Degraf Tope	471	2/4/09
Marcher	457	2/4/09
The OShion	464	13/4/09
Hiller gopie	471	2/4/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
James R. Spency	543	2-4-2009
Muchand C Sovenum	542	2-4-2009
Chiff is	541	2-4-2009
Roth Battest	540	2.4-2069
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Lun Ki Wat	536	2-4-09
for Kith	531	2-4-09
Owen Duewhe	537	2-4-09
The Sociationic	485	2-9-09
Eddie Flink	472	2-9-19
But Hogg	443	2-9-09
Wan Timmer	450	2-9-09
Larrain Fronth	466	2-9-09
Maria Lenton	538	2-9-09
Glorge Lemmile	533	2-9-09
Ann Jahms	525	2-9-09
Marmuxamshier	526	2-9-09
Farlene Chapman	458	2-9-03
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Sardia Costeolo	SE7(BENZ)	Jet 3/09
dherum Zadres	559 berney	- / .
Physics Wailey	548	3/3/09
Doug ALKINS	583	2/3/09
Lovarsa Illactean	584	2/3/09
Don + Ida Arrith	591	2/3/09
Henry & Geraldine Sty	592	2/3/09
John Stigna	616	2/3/09
Derry Slower	608	2/3/09
Betty L. Rust	609	2/3/09
Betty L. Rust	637	2/3/09
Decryo + Bevery	646	2/3-08
Ilm & Carol you	453	2.3.09
19 withe & Gold	661	2-3-09
Shile Bockman	662	2-3-09
Blistdene flummer	663	5-3-09
Robert Lyles	664	2-3-09
True Loke	666	2-307
John Bruce	575	2-3-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Fay Litocki	561	2-3-09
Helen Mastranale	566	2-3-09
Cornent Kloust	569	2-3-09
and Hirschmaes	574	2-3-09
En Mayor	585	2-3-09
millie Hostetter	593	2-3-09
With Elhage	598	9-3-09
Gran Sije	601	fl 3, 09
Man Brown	607	2/3/04
Benida Stenson	615	2/3/09
Rose Mire Junair	617	2/3/05
-Saren Cole	622	2/3/09
Feggy Merger	626	2/3/09
Finet Pershin	631	2/3/69
Comella, Longo	639	2/3/09
Ext Rolaisin	644	2/3/09
Bernice Porfers	647	2/3/09
elier Dools	652	2-3-09
Robert S. Macy	655	2-3-19

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Sheer Blair	660	12/3/09
Dorothy Maryland	5 60	2/3/09
acilia Lambert	576	2/4/09
Dal 40 Smith	582	214/09
124 Mender	600	2/4/09
Jon Steward	636	2/4/09
Lee Finell	625	2/4/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Sheller Barres	392	Feb 1/2009
Ellen Trask	/(3	2/1/09
Rosalie Monest	149	2/1/09
John D Want	234	2-2-09
Khille Flachall	553	2-2-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Barbara K. O'Buen	545 1546	1/3//09
Barbara K. D'Brien	546	1/3/109
Judy a Burnich	550	1/3/109
Joseph Dettering	551	1-31-09
Thaile Cupy	674	1-31-09
Esther Bergerion	675	1-31-09
flower Trans	602	1-31-09
Butto Italia	682	1-31-09
Jens Exmelell	676	1/3/109
Conque Me Cima	677	1/3,/09
Mary Paglar	230	1/3/109
Olan King	156	1/31/09
VI Rich	225	1/3/109
Though Isselved	223	1/31/09
Bul Bella	222	1-31-69
Dennio (Cannon	147	1-31-09
Jun Adams	140	1-31-09
Dowchy Ough	138	1.31-09
The day book	137	2-1/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Margait Bargilleri	136	1/3.109
Voris Rich	134	1-31-09
Lather Have tast	/33	1-31-09
Mhi Kraversu	132	1-31-09
Em./sillamus	111	1-81-09
Caymon Doughay	108	1-31-09
Thisty Lound	114	1-31-09
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SAN	131	1-31-09
atthew Brails	130	1-31-09
atthea Snaylor	117	1-31-09
Quielb Shuman	118	1-31-09
Patricya A. Lindt	129	1-31-09
Cameb In Cooper	155	1-31-09
Shelly Marion	L 122	1.3109
July Smit	123	1-31-09
Dan / Burn	125	1/31-09
Shooted Bestoler	u 127	1/3/109
Danis Co. Bolton	145	1-31-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Linda Kehres	232	2-6-08
Dale alehmle	337	2-6-08
Judy House	248	2-6-09
Gordon Littner	253	2-6-69
Tobet Thompson	264	2-6-09
Carolyn & shore	280	2.6-89
Beth Westroth	285	2-6-09
Maun talanne	29-3	2-6-09
Therence Jessett	300	2-6-09
Edna Soule	295	2-6-09
Mange McLand	309	2-6-09
Richarda LUGY	159	2-6-09
Liotte Cattwood	760	7-6-19
Melin A. Hock	761	3-6-09
Lodg, G Renducles	762	2-6-09
FOM Kinley	763	26-09
mary mlinek	764	2/6-09
Manas / Taylor	767	2/6-9
Paul Sandet	765	2/6/9

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Richard E. Jain	766	2/6/09
y any Lindemut	768	2/6/09
John F. Veloumo	772_	2-6-09
Dun som	362	2-6-09
Sherien Julian	976	2-6.09
Carala Egisson	310	2-6-09
ann Boardit	- 294	2-10-09
Robert Begundet	294	2-6-09
Michael Fack	288	2-6-09
Sandra Tyske	287	2-6-09
The AME	286	2-6-09
Sherley G. Hoel	271	2-6.09
Mora Mille	276	2.6.09
Defenda la	262	2-6-09
SYDNEY SADLER	246	2/6/09
Carol Cuedek	240	2/6/09
ROVACD LAWGITIC	256	2/6/09
Phyllis Cyres	261	2/6/09
Cai Es	263	2/6/04

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379	2/6/07			
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Bulling Sundied	356	3-5-1
Koru + Fin ichael	850	2-6-09
Bill Fisher	845	2-6.09
Keich D'Dell	26	2-6-09
Buth Wagner	25	2-6-09
fichael Warrer	24	2-6-09
Showe Fled	72	2-6-05
Glendon Coffey	57	2-6-08
Toyal Fronch	. 58	2-6-09
Betty Blunchard	52	2-6-09
Tena Pease	31	2-6-08
Volliam & Srwin	32	2-6-09
amumouston	35	2-6-09
Jaame Prior	49	2-6-09
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Phyllis Moore	640	2/3/09
Love Sullwee	602	2/3/69
Mary & Wood	648	2/3/09
Else Butter	659	2/3/09
Jann Burnham	672	3/3/09
Fr. han Hast	669	2/3/09
1 n Meadon	667	2/3/09
Nevana Giese	670	2/2/09
alphonso Laborte	658	2-3-69
Ponita Mikle	657	2-3-09
Bob Meith	657	2-3-09
Keith Ma Millan	641	2.3-09
In Mollan	SHP	2.3.09
ann omberly	635	2-3-09
artson embely	635	2-3-09
Kalah Budha	632	2.3-09
Har Jung	627	2-3-08
mary alleson	620	2-3-09
Meety Wace	419	2-3-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE	
John Simon	299	Jan 31 2009	
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Vansky Lowell	800	1/3/109	
Eldet Truck	469	2/4/09	
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Showor Hamm	418	2/2/09
Angelo lambron	417	2/2/69
Horse F. Letreault	46	2/2/09
Iten pikaler	415	2/2/09
Mulais	414	2/2/09
Bolo Humphrey	413	2/2/09.
Jaly finalin	410	2-2-09
Bertha Hallen	777	2-2-09
Harded Thorsch	750	2-2-09
May aret Ciminera	* 779	2-2-09
Marchy Morgan	±781	2-2-09
Down Marcelle	784	2-2-09
Marlin Clark	786	2-2-09
Charles Vaulair	393	2-2-09
Mexily Preston	39y	2-2-09
Derother Campbell	395	2-2.09
May (Datau)	396	2-2-09
Caper B. m. Jones	397	2-2-09
Lynne Fletcher	398	2-2-09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Donna Culham	790	Feb. 2/09
Sharon G. Rossell	789	PB-46 K
Linka Faluit	788	2-2-09
Son & Denlass	444	2-2-04
Sighett & Ballet	441	2-2-09
ambaRoy	441	2-2-09
potricia N Blox	440	2/2/09
Clarence Findenna	4/38	2/2/09
David T Markeller	437	2/2/09
David Barth	4.30	11109
marilyn Brown	435	2/2/69
Bonnie Bassano	433	2/2/05
Floren Wall	432	2/2/09
Lois Zandel	430	2/2/09
Frank Rose &	429	2/2/09
Dean Schmidt	428	2/1/09
Hanry Thangand	423	2/2/09
Cha Grund	421	2/2/09
Herob Cogacin	419	2/2/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Salone H. Kourn	460	01-31-90
Robert Quail	452	01-31-09
Sheldon Brody	454	1/31/09
Jean In allay	5/9	1-31-09
E. Lihman	453	1-31-09
Botts Court	462	1-31-09
Frank Sotto	495	1-31-09
Donald K. Slusa	514	1-31-09
Att Lita Brooks	513	1-31-09
Barbara Calterson	522	1-30-09
Debra Nennig	507	1-31-09
Reser Mine	508	2-1-09
Dans In Holson	521	2,2,09
Bety Swoffer	476	2-209
Bornie Valline	482	2-2-09
Barbara Schulter	484	2/2/09
Horasa Kinha	481	3/2/09
If I Hasyner	475	2/3/09
Jaan Silinski		2/3/09

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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Lois Kirker	518	Jan 31/09
Thomas a mullen	509	JAN 31 2009
Francis M. Honnker	506	1-31-09
Moderal Printput.	503	1-31-09
Varginia Dileho	500	1-31-09
Dan Talente	497	1-31-09
momille &	494	1-31-09
A fred thouse	487	1-31-09
Bab Exter	483	1-31-09
mary Malion	490	1-31-09
I am Jemes	495	1-3109
Bill Kreder	502	1-31-09
fuel Hall	501	1-31-09
Rich Bryson	489	1-31-09
Lev & Bondman	488	1-31-09
Hoge & Box Serie	468	1-31-09
Colat Vat Mullin	0 478	1-31-69
John Carsina	461	1-31-09
I ra Kush	164	1-31-09

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443	2/2/09
778	2/2/09
794	2/2/09
783	2/3/09
786	2/3/109
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400	2/3/09
402	2/03/09
434	2/03/09
403	2/03/09
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NAME	LOT#	/ DATE
1815 BLIER Carterine Parritt	477	2h3/2009
Exterine Garrett	523	Feb 3/2009
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
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DAVIDBENUIF	424	2-3-09
Dw Ruce		
Tracy & Carton	409.5	2-3-09
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
Joanne Kramer	745	2/3/09
Rolph Milan	729	2/3/09
oh 7. 3 n	732	2/3/09
Claire Me Blee	738	2/3/09
Barbara Jameles.	140	2/3/09
Roy P. Terry	742	2-3-09
Helen M. Barr	741	2-3-09
Am By	749	2-3-09
Man Bell	750	2.3.09
Joan Balinake	152	2-3-09
World Jones	705	2-3-09
taul chermak	748	2-3-09
Garde Nauten	746	2-3-09
Bud Kahanshi	244	2-3.09
AND BURGAS	735	2-3-09
Ternaid telephorek	733	2-3-09
Elizabeth m Lyon	728	2-3-09
aurie yous	730	2-3-9
Moun Starley	728	239

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Eg Rumill	727	2/3/09
D.J. Moss	724	2/4/09
Kurt Reance	721	2-4-09
Cature Thereter	120	2/4/09
Valles Muyse	717	2/4/09
Jean Elia	715	3/4/09
Pallock Weeper	214	2/4/69
Lording ye	710	3/4/08
From Littletolf	709	2-4-09
Jeginia Swanch	706	2-4-09
Gracie Beverly	704	2-4-09
Barbara Repolds	695	2-4-09
Jacunt Paul Plumms	690	2-4-09
mys leane Instana	868	2-4-09
Denise Hunter	685	2/4/09
	638	2/4/09
Tem E. Kerrick	1092	2-4-09
Rishand Parto	693	2-4-09
Inn Hadflif	707	2-4-09

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NAME TOTAL		
NAME	LOT#	DATE
D NORQUAY	713	Feb 4/09
H THOM	7	2/4/09
RSn'+4	722	Feb 4/09 2/4/09 2-4-09
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NAME	LOT#	DATE
EDWARD A. PEL	370	2-4-08
Kennet DM Coul	314	2-6-08
Wayne Sterrow	47	2-6-08
Beverly Hatelen	61	2-6-09
Linda Norris	40	2-6-09
Don Jaylar	69	2-6-09
Day Kinnton	フエ	2-6-09
Daren Pelliel	16	2/6/09
may c. maltan	74	2/6/09
Bette Kerjer	59	2/6/09
Soudra Ferein	75	2/6/09
Rolling Cem	[]	46/09
Lope You	10	2/6/09
Trance Gord	9	2/6/09
Buil Reduccon	8	2/6/09
Kandall Jammon	377	2/6/09
Vena Likel	~_	2/6/68
Kuln Schustell	/	2/6/29
Melira C. Hastings	14	2/6/09

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Maxime Lowet	48	2-6-09
Veronica m. Griffiths	17	2-6-09
Jannie V. Jastice	3	26-09
Elean Chertson	375	del. 06/09
Hail Cotanch	376	2/6/09
Roy We Beng	382	2/6/09
Victario Kalper	383	3/6/09
Bichard & Fige	381	2/6/09
Sugar Williams	384	2/6/09
Jock P. Quaintance	386	2/6/09
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16	Brus Taylor	865	2-4-09
17	Caroling P. Campbell	869	2-4-09
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Kimberley Pena

From: Ruth McHargue

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 3:53 PM

To: Ruth Nettles

Cc: Kimberley Pena; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Subject: FW: Labrador Inc. water & waste increase

FPSC, CLK - CORRESPONDENCE

_Administrative Parties Consumer

DOCUMENT NO. 00674-69

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Please add to docket file.

From: Consumer Contact

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 3:07 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: FW: Labrador Inc. water & waste increase

Protest to Docket. To CLK

From: Diane Beauregard [mailto:beauregard.diane@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 2:57 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Labrador Inc. water & waste increase

To Whom it May Concern: Docket number (080249-WS)

As a customer of Labarador Inc. I find that it is quite a lot of an increase for us. I feel that we are already being charged an enormous amount for the use of the water and waste. Therefore we do not agree with the request for the funds stipulated in the letter that I received on Saturday, January 30th. 2009, dated January 23, 2009. I thank you in advance for the opportunity to voice our opinion in this matter.

Thank you

Louis & Diane Beauregard 6333 Utopia Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

MEMORANDUM 09 FEB - 4 AM 9: 45 COMMISSION CI ERK

January 30, 2009

To: Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

CONSMER

From: Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Dr. Zephyrhills, Fl 33540-0819

Subject: High Water Bills

Enclosure (1) Copy of Water Bill

I am sending the PSC Commission a copy of a recent water bill (enclosure 1) that was sent by Labrador Utilities, Altamonte Springs, Florida to a widow in Forest Lake Estates, Zephyrhills, Fl., 33540-0819. Her bill stated that she used 31,000 gallons of water for a 30 day period. That is a daily usage of over 1033 gallons a day. Labrador maintenance personnel checked for leaks and for a possible flaw in the water meter. No discrepancies were found. To be charged for this amount of water is outrageous. It is impossible for one person to use this amount of water for a 30 day period.

A call was placed to the Billing Office at Altamonte Springs, Florida explaining the circumstances of what occurred and to get relief from an exorbitant bill. They refused and would not hear of adjusting the bill. This in just one example of a homeowner receiving a high water bill. We have others who have had the same problem with excessive water bills.

Homeowners who receive a high usage water bill due to no fault of their own have no recourse. They have to pay the bill. Talking to the water company is useless, as they are rude, uncooperative and are not interested with what you have to say.

These are problems we are experiencing with Labrador Utilities and will be addressed in our park wide meeting with the PSC staff. These will be in addition to our protests regarding PSC DOCKET NO. 080249-WS dated November 14, 2008.

> DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 00874 FEB-48

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Sincerely,

Eva Rush

Chairwoman of the Protest against Labrador Utilities Water/Sewer Rates

Enclosure (1) copy of 31,000 gallon water bill



Due Date Account Number Bill Date 1/5/2009 0507800000 12/14/2008 Primary Telephone # (813) 780-6907 Name DONELDA BREIGHT Meter # 33256640 Meter Reading 6126 SPRING LAKE CIR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL, 33540 Service Address 12/06/2008 Current 48570 Residential Water Service 17020 11/06/2008 E \$9.03 **Previous** Water Base Charge 31550 Gallons \$41.27 Usage 12,620 gallons at \$0.00327 per gallon Number of Days: 30 \$67.39 12,620 gallons at \$0.00534 per gallon \$32.56 6,310 galions at \$0.00516 per gallon Consumption History \$150.25 Total Residential Water Service Residential Wastewater Service \$13.17 Wastewater Base Charge Maximum Usage Charge up to 6,000 gallons \$61.14 \$74.31 Total Residential Wastewater Service \$224.56 **Current Charges** Utilities. Inc. **Account Number Due Date** Bill Date 1/5/2009 0507800000 12/14/2008 Primary Telephone # (813) 780-6907 Name DONELDA BREIGHT Meter # 33256640 Meter Reading 6126 SPRING LAKE CIR, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL, 33540 Service Address 12/06/2008 48570 Current Residential Water Service 11/06/2008 E \$9.03 **Previous** 17020 Water Base Charge 31550 Gallons 12,620 gallons at \$0.00327 per gallon \$41.27 Usage \$67.39 Number of Days: 30 12,620 gallons at \$0.00534 per gallon \$32.56 6,310 gallons at \$0.00516 per gallon **Consumption History** \$150.25 **Total Residential Water Service** Residential Wastewater Service \$13.17 Wastewater Base Charge \$61.14 Maximum Usage Charge up to 6,000 gallons \$74.31 **Total Residential Wastewater Service**

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