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## Neighbor:

Based on my own personal research and thoughts, the primary topic for discussion at the June 2 PSC hearing is:

1) Should the Big Island water / sewer utilities be privately owned and PSC regulated.....or should they be owned by a homeowners association that is operating under the guidelines established by PSC?

This might also be a good time to make your position known on the subject of water meters - - IF we end up PSC regulated, they may insist on water meters unless we have sufficient opposition.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the June 2 hearing. Following are the points I would make if I were there. Hopefully those of you who feel the same will convey these points at the hearing.

A) I am opposed to anything that will increase my utility costs and it is my understanding if our utilities are PSC regulated, there will be a substantial increase in the fee currently being Comparison What Fo what? current fees are artificially low/subsidized by F.R. charged for my water and sewer services.

B) I believe the developer who bore the cost of installing the utilities should not be forced to relinquish all control over those utilities prior to the substantial completion of the project which prompted the installation. Therefore, I think PSC needs to amend their homeowner association guidelines. PSC homeowner association guidelines currently require "one vote per customer". I believe the PSC guidelines should instead provide "one vote per lot" which would allow the developer to maintain control over the utilities he installed and paid for - - - until the project is substantially complete.

C) If it is decided that our utilities are going to be PSC regulated, I strongly oppose any requirement by the PSC that water meters be required for each household. This would be an additional unnecessary and unwarranted expense that would ultimately be charged back to each homeowner.

S.F.R. put meters in feasibility study for proposed rates-PSC removed them!

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