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Regarding docket# E-01345A-07-0663 & T01846-07-0663

I strongly object to the proposed underground utilities project in Hillcrest Bay Mobile Manor. I am retired and live full time in Hillcrest Bay. There are approximately 50 lots that have full time residents. Most of us are retired and moved here primarily because of the solitude and the affordable housing opportunities. Nearly all of the full time residents live on a fixed income. The proposed utility underground project will impose a severe financial hardship on those of us living here full time on fixed incomes not to mention the burden of having restricted access to our homes and the loss of water service for extended periods of time. The financial burden, according to John Sears, is minimal because we can pay for this project over a 15 year period. This is only partially true because we will only be allowed to finance the street portion. The cost to provide connection from the street to the meter on your house must be paid in full at the time of connection. My cost is \$9139.43 for the public area and \$10757.17 for the service connection on my lot which must be paid in a lump sum in order to get service. I have no options available to me because even if I could sell my house in this depressed real estate market, I would not be able to find a new residence for an equal or lower cost. The other glaring inequity of this project is the apportionment of the cost. Placing the utilities underground is of little benefit to me because I do not have a lake view lot and the utilities are at the rear of my property and out of site. The people with the lake view lots would benefit greatly and should pay the majority of the cost if this project proceeds. The argument that we would all benefit is only partially true. Half would benefit greatly and half would benefit hardly at all. Let those who voted yes pay for the entire cost if they feel so strongly about this project. Another interesting fact is that of the 50 or so lots with full time residents, 56% voted no while only 44% voted yes. Also, if property values are increased, so will taxes, which is another negative. I know that many who voted yes were pressured and intimidated into signing the petitions.

In conclusion I would like to mention the fact that I have spent 30 plus years as an outside plant engineer in the communications industry and have engineered 6 projects like this one. I also acted as coordinator and project manager and have never seen one completed without extreme difficulties and service interruptions. All were initiated by city, county or state agencies. None were by private property owners.

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