

1 **Columbia County Utility Committee Meeting:** Time line of speakers (abbreviated –
2 beginning at approximately the 25 minute mark) and a complete transcript of the exchange "The
3 Incident" between Commissioner DuPree and Mr. Lilker.
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5 **The incident (line 61) -- Main Speakers:**

6 **Mr. DuPree:** Jody DuPree – A Columbia County Commissioner

7 **Mr. Lilker:** Stew Lilker -- Publisher and editor of the Columbia County Observer
8 and a property owner and resident of Columbia County.
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10 **Date:** September 28, 2010

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12 **Location:** City Hall, Lake City, Florida
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17 26:28 *(Mr. Chambers makes a presentation).*

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19 **Mr. DuPree:** Anybody have any questions for Mr. Chambers.
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21 26:55

22 **Lauren Bradford:** (Spoke about FPL not having a charge for reading the meter.)
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24 **Mr. DuPree:** OK. Anybody else from the public got anything they want to say? Yes
25 Ma'am.
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27 **Debbie Adams:** (Spoke)
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29 28:12

30 (As Ms. Adams spoke Mr. DuPree interrupted her)
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32 **Mr. DuPree:** Let me stop you right here. If you're gonna speak you're gonna address
33 the board. Mr. Chambers ain't gonna be taking questions from the public.
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36 **Mr. DuPree:** Anybody else from the public at this end.
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38 **Cynthia Keller:** (Gave her name and spoke.)
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40 *(People spoke as they sat in the row)*
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42 **Roger Smith:** (Explained he lived with Ms. Keller- Mr. Dupree cut in)
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44 39:26

45 **Mr. DuPree:** Just so we can stay on track here -- I can see that you all got some issues
46 with management in relation to gettin your bills on stuff, but -- but we
47 need to stay focused on why we here this morning, just about interim rate.
48 (emphasis added) So
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50 **Cynthia Keller:** (Thanked Mr. DuPree for listening and spoke about the rate.)

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Mr. DuPree: Yes Ma'am

(DuPree recognized someone else from the audience)

Toby Strawder: (Spoke about the fee for the meter and the deposit)

42:29

Mr. Chambers: (Answers) "The deposit is for new turn-ons"

(Mr. Lilker was standing and raised his hand. It was only after Mr. DuPree saw that Mr. Lilker had a question that he mentioned something about residency in Woodgate Village).

(The Incident -- The following verbatim exchange took 35 seconds)

Mr. DuPree: Anybody from Woodgate Village that wishes to speak -- or anything ~inaudible~ that would be in this water system. (emphasis added)

Mr. Lilker: I want to speak about this rate increase.

Mr. DuPree: No sir.

Mr. Lilker: What do mean, no sir?

Mr. DuPree: You're not gonna speak ta nothin. You don't live in the system.

Mr. Lilker: I want to speak about the rate increase. That's why I came. I'd like to know on what grounds that we ~inaudible~ are gonna charge a rate increase.

Mr. DuPree: Have a seat Mr. Lilker. Have a seat.

Mr. Lilker: Why can't I just ask my question?

Mr. DuPree: You're not gonna be askin a question.

Mr. Lilker: You're not allowed to ask questions at these meetings?

Mr. DuPree: You're not. Have a seat.

Mr. Lilker: I beg your pardon.

Mr. DuPree: (Yells) Have a seat -- is what I said.

Mr. Lilker: I'll stand for now.

Mr. DuPree: Call the Sheriff's Department and have them send me somebody up here.

(Mr. DuPree addresses someone in the audience).

Mr. DuPree: Yes Ma'am.