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Jean Jewell

From: TJJUREK10@YAHOO.COM
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from TED YUREK follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: TED YUREK
Address: 1772 DOLAN RD.
City: RATHDRUM
State: ID.
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208 755-5771
Contact E-Mail: TJJUREK10@YAHOO.COM
Name of Utility Company: BAR CIRCLE S WATER CO.
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:
IM OPPOSED TO THE RATE OF WATER INCREASE REQUESTED.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 74.87.206.226

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From: kschwl@roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:16 AM
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A Comment from Karen Schwalbach follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: Karen Schwalbach
Address: 17387 N. Wrangler Rd.
City: Rathdrum
State: ID
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-4247
Contact E-Mail: kschwl@roadrunner.com
Name of Utility Company:
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Rate increases are to be expected. What is unexpected and unreasonable is the exorbitancy of the rate increase. There is no excuse for it. If improper management practices have occurred, then that needs to be remedied, but not at the expense of the property owners.

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From: elisa11587@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:52 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Adrienne Daus follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: Adrienne Daus
Address: 1427 Dolan Rd
City: Rathdrum
State: ID
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-0520
Contact E-Mail: elisa11587@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

BCS is requesting a substantial increase in rates, fees and services. According to www.puc.state.id.us/ar2007/water.pdf, Bar Circle S is currently in the top 5 for both minimum usage and per 1000 gallon rates. If Mr. Turnipseeds request is approved, we will be paying perhaps the highest water rates in Idaho.

We have been customers of BCS since 4/1994 and our rates have not increased. I have to ask why such a huge increase and why now. I cannot help but think it is a direct result of Mr. Turnipseeds new development, Double T. However, according to BCS rate increase application, in 2008 the company operated with a \$39,164 net loss. Also, BCS states it needs an additional \$30,407 yearly to prevent future operating losses. Together, with fees and expenses, BCS requires \$80,335 to clear its books. The 119% increase will, according to the application, cover these losses/expenses in one year ($119\% \times \$67,255 = \$80,335$). What happens the following year when the \$39,164 operating loss no longer exists? Will our rates be lowered? Probably not.

I am not against profits, it is a business. However, we cannot change our water company if we feel our rates are excessive. We depend on the PUC to fairly establish them. There will be consequences to our neighborhood if the request is approved and unfortunately, not for the better.

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From: cielmike@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:12 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Mike Daus follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: Mike Daus
Address: 1427 Dolan Road
City: Rathdrum
State: Idaho
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208-699-1601
Contact E-Mail: cielmike@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

The water company is seeking a rate increase that will over double my monthly water bill. Such a monumental increase ought to be accompanied with rational justification. I have not heard any.

The inability to profitably operate its business for 19 years or so is hardly rational. Owners of such a business should either sell it or declare bankruptcy and get into a line of work they know something about. Nor, does a significant capital investment in high-tech remote-reading flowrate transmitters seem a reasonable cause for doubling rates with a company that appears to continually operate in the red. It is not clear how remotely reading customer meters instead of walking the roads once a month will improve their bottom line.

The proposed rate increase will likely make our water the most expensive in Idaho and is grossly out of line with rate increases granted to similar water companies in the state. So, other than a self-admitted lack of business acumen, why should BCS deserve a rate increase?

It's possible a modest rate increase could be justified because of increases in the cost of doing business such as changes in fuel/energy costs, equipment improvements, etc. Such changes, however, do not merit over 100% increase in rates.

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