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Jean Jewell

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From: mnvanderson@yahoo.com  
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2009 3:52 AM  
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Matt Anderson follows:

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Case Number: bcs-w-09-02  
Name: Matt Anderson  
Address: 17681 N Wrangler Rd.  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-964-4329  
Contact E-Mail: mnvanderson@yahoo.com  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

NO, Please do not raise our rates. I was out of work since February and recently became employed. We are trying to catch up, and with the winter coming it is difficult enough to think we may not be able to afford the utility costs we currently have. My wife lost her wages in May and has not found a job as of yet. We cannot afford to have our rates go up now, especially now.

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**From:** jpb4jc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2009 3:11 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jack Beukelman follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Jack Beukelman  
Address: 18948 N. Ramsey Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-5035  
Contact E-Mail: [jpb4jc@gmail.com](mailto:jpb4jc@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

One of the reasons we bought our house in the location we did is due to the cost of water in the development. I really do not like not having my own well but considering the water costs, we decided to buy the property and go with the community well. Unfortunately I was out of town for the public meeting yet I want to state that a more than doubling of the water rate is totally unacceptable in a time that everything else is increasing also. At least the other costs are only going up gradually, but this requested rate increase is like getting hit over the head with a lead pipe. Since we have bought our home, our business has taken a 50% hit in income and our investments have tanked by 30%. For the entire year we have been operating our business at 30% below our operating expenses and have had to supplement out of other equities just to stay afloat. Our taxes, groceries, electric and even fuel have been on an upward creep all year despite the economic downturn for our personal income.

We have 5 acres and a very sizable lawn of about 1 acre with a family of 6. During the month of July we used 62,000 gallons of water. Between May and October, total water usage was 289,333 gallons and for the entire year it was 319,330. In winter, average usage is around 5000 gallons a month, well below our allotment. Next year we plan on establishing a family garden which will require even more water. I understand the nature of times of high demand so I have set my irrigation scheme to very early in the morning so as not to bring heavy demand on the water system during hot afternoons.

One of the things that is of concern to me is the new development to the north which Bar Circle S will service for water. I want to stress that those extra costs should be for the new development and new future land owners and not us who are already established in the older development.

If a doubling of the water fee is to see the light of day, then I want the right (as in a change in the CC&Rs) to establish my own well.

In closing, I can understand a 5-15% rate increase, but an increase of more than 100% is out of the question and unreasonable.

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**From:** jack@onsitex.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2009 3:06 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from jack borley follows:

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Case Number: bcs-w-09-02  
Name: jack borley  
Address: 16480 spur st  
City: rathdrum  
State: id  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-659-7066  
Contact E-Mail: [jack@onsitex.com](mailto:jack@onsitex.com)  
Name of Utility Company: bar circle s water Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
TO WHOM IT MY CONCERN. AFTER READING ALL DOCUMENTATION. JACK & FARAH BORLEY CONCURE WITH THE STAFFS FINDINGS ON THIS CASE! WE RESIDE IN BAR CIRLCE S SUBDIVISION. WE LIVE ON FIVE ACRES. THIS TYPE OF INCREASE THAT THE WATER COMPANY IS SEEKING IS WITHOUT MERRIT AND CAN NOT BE SUBSTANCIATED IN THESE DOCUMENTS. THESE INCREASES WOULD PUT A UNDO HARDSHIP ON THIS FAMILY AND OTHERS IN THIS COMMUNITY. ONCE AGIAN WE CONCURE WITH THE STAFFS FINDINGS. JACK & FARAH BORLEY

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**From:** dgradin@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2009 2:09 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David Gradin follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: David Gradin  
Address: 19043 N Ella Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-209-3169  
Contact E-Mail: [dgradin@roadrunner.com](mailto:dgradin@roadrunner.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have been out of town and missed the public meeting on Bar Circle S's rate increase. I do remember getting the notice from them about the rate increase. At the time, I thought the numbers were in error since the rates were more than doubling. The bottomline is that more than double the current water rates is excessive and should not be approved.

Thank you  
David Gradin

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**From:** mddataylor@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 2:59 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Desiree Taylor follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Desiree Taylor  
Address: 18195 N Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 2086873172  
Contact E-Mail: mddataylor@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Add  
to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I live in the Bar circle s water district and I strongly oppose the proposed rate increase. We are a family of four with a reasonable sized yard and some gardens. We also have two horses. The land is heavily timbered. In the seventeen years that we have lived here we have always gone over the base monthly allotment of water that includes 7500 gallons. That is just not enough to simply cover the household water let alone water for the yard to keep a safe zone for fire danger with all the natural trees in the landscape.

As you know the economy has gone down the tube. Our personal income has decreased by 50% over the past year. To think that a company would ask for such an unbelievably high rate increase is unreal. It must be stopped.

A reasonable alternative would be to increase the base monthly rate by 20% from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per month also increasing the amount of gallon usage per month to 50,000. Increase the water used in excess of 50,000 15.5% from the current \$0.95 to \$1.10.

I thank you for your time and hope that a reasonable solution is reached in this matter.  
Mitch and Desiree Taylor

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**From:** davewolfe44@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 2:00 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David F Wolfe follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-2  
Name: David F Wolfe  
Address: 1244 W Longhorn St  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-664-4883  
Contact E-Mail: davewolfe44@yahoo.com  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
Dear Commissioners:

I receive my water from the Bar Circle "S" Water Company (Company) and am not looking forward to the significant increase in rates that the Staff is recommending to the Commission in the subject case.

After reading the Staff Report dated October 23, 2009 in detail I wish to ask the commission to consider two issues which I believe are inequitable to the customers of the Company.

First, on Attachment 1 of the Staff Report the Net Operating Income Requirement recommended by the staff is calculated by allowing the Company a 12% rate of return on its investment. I am not disputing that the 12% rate of return is reasonable.

However the \$67,225 of revenue upon which the calculation is based is "Revenue Collected in Test Year" (Attachment 9 of the Staff Report). This revenue appears to be based upon the current revenue from a customer base of 160. (See Attachment 8)

On page 13 of the Staff Report, the first paragraph reveals that "there 28 vacant undeveloped properties within the service area... All these lots have a mainline service tap, service line to the property, meter box, meter base and 5-ft stub out line on the customer side of the meter box."

The staff's recommendation for a proposed rate increase does not take into account the probable future income from these 28 properties where the infrastructure is in place for service hook ups. While the incremental expense necessary to provide these 28 properties with service should be minimal, the incremental revenue to be anticipated is quite significant and I suggest should be considered in the calculation of the Net Operating Income Requirement (Attachment 1).

Assuming that the \$67,225 of revenue in the test year is derived from 160 customers, the revenue per customer is therefore \$420 per year. Applying the \$420 per customer to the 28 properties which will be future customers of the Company, results in increased revenues of \$11,760 per year for total annual revenues of \$78, 985.

If the anticipated incremental revenue of \$11, 760 is added to the \$24,947 Net Operating Income Requirement (Attachment 1), and applied to the \$207,8901 Rate Base recommended by the staff, the resulting Rate of Return allowed the Company is 17.65%.

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I believe that the 17.65% rate of return is excessive and request that the Commission consider how a compromise can be reached that would be equitable to both the customers and the Company.

I am aware that my calculations anticipate future revenues, but judging from the growth rate of the Company's service area, the timing of these additional revenues from the 28 properties can be anticipated in months rather than years.

In its notice to customers of its application for a rate increase, the Company states that this is its first request for a rate increase in 19 years. Assuming that it remains the practice of the Company to infrequently request rate increases, the rate increase of 73.08% recommended by the staff could prove to be excessively lucrative to the Company as service is provided to the 28 additional properties.

The second observation which I wish to bring to the attention of the Commissioners is the application of the Depreciation Schedule (Attachment 4) as applied to the expenses of the Company. The staff has recommended that depreciation expense of \$15,989 be used in the Income Statement (Attachment 3) for the calculation of Net Operating Income.

I note that two Assets on the Depreciation Schedule, totaling \$2,609, will be fully depreciated in one year and another two Assets, totaling \$1,525, will be fully depreciated in three years, specifically:

Assets with one year of depreciation remaining:

Well Site Improvements	1/9/1995	\$	452
Water Line	9/1/2002	\$	2,157
Subtotal		\$	2,609

Assets with three years of depreciation remaining:

Well Pump Improvements	8/8/1996	\$	739
Well Site Improvements	8/15/2004	\$	786
Subtotal		\$	1,525
Total		\$	4,134

Therefore a full 25% of depreciation expense used in the staff's calculation of Total Operating Expenses (Attachment 3) will be fully depreciated within three years. However, if it remains the Company's practice to infrequently apply to the Commission for rate increases, its customers will continue to pay for the aforementioned assets long after the Company has recovered the costs of the assets.

I believe that rates for the Company and its customers can only remain equitable if the Commission periodically audits the Company's rate schedule and adjusts the rates accordingly.

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding the application for rate increase which the Bar Circle "S" Water Company has filed under Case No. BCS-W-09-2.

Sincerely,

David F. Wolfe

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**From:** nwzito@icehouse.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 1:00 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Martha Zito follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Martha Zito  
Address: 18414 N Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-0592  
Contact E-Mail: [nwzito@icehouse.net](mailto:nwzito@icehouse.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Co. Inc.  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please do not allow our water rates to increase by 119%

We as a family are having financial hardships as my husband has been laid off work. We simply can not afford this type of increase for our 5 acre home-site.

A smaller increase of 10-20% is more realistic.

Thank you for your time.  
Martha Zito

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**From:** nwzito@icehouse.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 12:26 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Nick Zito follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Nick Zito  
Address: 18414 N. Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-0592  
Contact E-Mail: [nwzito@icehouse.net](mailto:nwzito@icehouse.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Co. Inc.  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please do not allow our water rates to be increased by over 100%.  
An increase of 10-20% over the next couple years is more reasonable and affordable.

This requested increase would create a huge financial hardship on us, as we have to care for livestock and have acreage which requires watering.  
I lost my job last month due to the bad economy, and we are currently living on unemployment insurance only.  
This increase would really hurt us.  
Thank you,  
Nick Zito

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**From:** gajohnson@prodigy.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 11:50 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Garry Johnson follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Garry Johnson  
Address: 16825 N Circle S Trl  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 699 1841  
Contact E-Mail: [gajohnson@prodigy.net](mailto:gajohnson@prodigy.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I do not oppose a moderate increase, we have lived within Bar Circle S since 1992, and rates have not increased in that time. We are a family of two and typically do not exceed the base allotment when not irrigating. During the irrigation season we regularly have \$200.00 water bills. Based on recent summer time water bills, we are using approximately 195,000 gallons over the base allotment of 7,500 gallons to maintain a yard of about .75 acres. Under proposed increase our water bill would more than double to approximately \$450.00 including the \$33.00 base charge. This rate would become a burden, especially during these very difficult economic times. The appearance of the neighborhood and property values will likely decrease because proposed rates would make maintaining a healthy yard prohibitive.

As I stated, I am not opposed to a moderate rate increase, but any increase should also allow for a larger allotment during the irrigation season, such as 150,000 gallons per month per acre.

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**From:** rlmorey@arthlink.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 11:10 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Lauie Morey follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Lauie Morey  
Address: 16477 N Spur St  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-2808  
Contact E-Mail: [rlmorey@arthlink.net](mailto:rlmorey@arthlink.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am opposed to the rate increase that Bar Circle S Water Company is applying for. I think it too much of an increase. Somewhere around the 20% mark would be more reasonable. I also think that new homes that connect to the water system should pay increased hook up fees. Why should existing customers pay to upgrade production for new development?

I am on five acres with one acre of lawn. This lawn needs to be watered to provide a firebreak for the woods surrounding my house. This is a wooded housing development with many residents who have horses on their five acres. My average summer usage is 40,000 gallons per month during the summer months. My family of four uses about 10,000 gallons per month when not irrigating. I think the rate increase would cost too much.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** moranj47@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 9:02 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from John Moran follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: John Moran  
Address: 17434 N Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-8175  
Contact E-Mail: [moranj47@roadrunner.com](mailto:moranj47@roadrunner.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

1. The rate increase proposed is way out of line. The Water company should have been doing realistic increases several years ago. It appears do to poor management and other circumstances they want to hit the users with fees that are not in line with inflation, etc.
2. Water quality reports need to be scrutinized by heath department and state water agencys.
3. I would be very glad to a 20% increase in base fee, immediately and a 15% to 16% increase in excess water useage above 50,000 gals. per month.
4. Fee not to increase for 2 years and then a 20% cap. for 5 years.

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**From:** danodevelopment@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 8:29 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dan ODell follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Dan ODell  
Address: 18310 Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 691-6608  
Contact E-Mail: danodevelopment@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water  
Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE ASKED BY BAR CIRCLE S WATER COMPANY.

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**From:** sueodell\_@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 8:24 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Susan ODell follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Susan ODell  
Address: 18310 Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 661-8625  
Contact E-Mail: [sueodell@hotmail.com](mailto:sueodell@hotmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Co Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am opposed to the requested rate hike for Bar Circle S Water customers. In these economic times, we have been struggling to keep all the bills paid as it is. We have done our best to conserve all the water we can. We have a large parcel of land to maintain. Considering this, if the rates were to increase and we didn't maintain the yards and gardens in the neighborhood, it scares me to see what this sought after area would turn into. It is my understanding that this increase is, in part, to fund Mr. Turnipseed's new development. How is that fair to me? Seems like that should be solely his responsibility.

That being said, I understand that rate increases are to be expected from time to time. However, double and 119% increases are totally ludicrous!

Please do NOT let this increase take affect! Thanks

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** jack@gargoyle-granite.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 8:15 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jack Jenkins follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Jack Jenkins  
Address: 19090 N. Ella Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-661-0592  
Contact E-Mail: jack@gargoyle-granite.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Bar Circle S development is a five acre development. Most homes have large yards, and many have shops, barns, and livestock. Bar Circle S Water Company is entitled to a reasonable rate increase. 15-20 % seems appropriate and fair, even with reserves for long term maintenance. Over 100% increase seems unreasonable, unfair, and has repercussions beyond the financial hardships placed on a 'captive' and 'unsuspecting' consumer. Fire safety and resale issues (if water fees are exorbitant) are additional concerns beyond the direct economic impact to the consumer.

You may be aware that Mr. Turnipseed is developing additional property to the north of Bar Circle S. He intends to use this existing system to provide water there. This proposed rate increase for Bar Circle S, which is well above any utility industry standard, is transparently offsetting costs for the new development. The rate increase does NOT reflect the cost of maintaining the water system for the properties for which it was designed. And if this existing system IS used for the new development, will that change availability/water pressure for the current users? We already do experience some water pressure issues during peak usage.

Mr. Turnipseeds' son reads the meters for Bar Circle S Water Company. I feel it should be monitored by an independent agent. How can the homeowner verify the accuracy of his readings?

The proposed increase is unreasonable, unfair, and will place significant financial hardships on the families living here. Please contact me if you have any questions, or if further information would be helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** lakecabin@icehouse.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 5:52 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Doug & Ranel Burnett follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Doug & Ranel Burnett  
Address: 1120 Longhorn Street  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-9158  
Contact E-Mail: [lakecabin@icehouse.net](mailto:lakecabin@icehouse.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

An increase to our water rates, at this time, would be a real HARDSHIP to my family. We have already experienced significant increases in other personal expenses such as taxes, education, health care, insurance, food, gasoline, ect. This is on top of the DECREASE we have experienced in our take home pay due to the poor economy. We live on 5 acres in Bar Circle S and water our lawn at night due to the low water pressure we already experience during the daytime hours. I think it is inappropriate that the proposed water rate increase would support a new housing development's water system. This expense should be paid by the new owners hook up fee's. I think that currrent homeowners in Bar Circle S should be allowed the opportunity to drill our own wells so that we have control of our own personal utilization. I dont disagree that the water company should have some REASONABLE increase but the proposed increase is UNREASONABLE and would be a real HARDSHIP...Thank you.

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**From:** idbaldwins@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 2:46 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ted & Cheryl Baldwin follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Ted & Cheryl Baldwin  
Address: 16834 N. Ramsey Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-659-7023  
Contact E-Mail: [idbaldwins@yahoo.com](mailto:idbaldwins@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

After reading the staff report on this case. I did not attend the public hearing in Rathdrum on 10-29-09. As I thought thier report would carry a lot of weight with the commission. It sounds like the commission would still like comments from residents. I do not have a problem with reasonable increases. The requested 119% increase is unreasonable. The staff found many discrepencies in the original request. Including trying to add in the cost of expanding the water system to a new development. This should show the utilities commission that there are problems with the request for an increasein rates. I would not be against an increase of 50%, as there is an increase in cost of doing business. Along with the increase I would like to see an increase in the allotted amount of water, before paying overages. 7500 gal. is too low of an amount. I would find 10,000 gal. to be more realistic useage. And we need to keep the system in good operating conditions. But I am strongly opposed to the rate of the requested increase. Please use the staffs report as a basis for a rate increase based on facts and not on helping a developer put extra profits in his pocket.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** kellyyurek@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2009 1:27 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kelly Yurek follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Kelly Yurek  
Address: 1772 W Dolan Rd  
City: rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 660-9337  
Contact E-Mail: [kellyyurek@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyyurek@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I feel that raising our water rates at 119% + increase is unreasonable. This will create a hardship for my family. I do not feel that we as the homeowners should have to pay for Bob Turnipseeds new housing developments' water system. Over the summer months our water usage is as low as 73,000 gallons and as high as 160,000 gallons per month, we have approximately 2 acres of lawn in un upscale neighborhood. I would agree to a reasonable alternative water rate increase, such as 20% increase for the 1st 50,000 gallons, 15.5% increase in excess usage of 50,000 gallons, increase hook up fees in the new delvelopment. With all of the increases we have had with fuel, taxes, utilities, groceries etc., we cannot afford Bob Turnupseed to OVER CHARGE for water. We also would like to have the right to install our own well and provide the water we need for our own usage.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** alymar93@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 1:42 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Mary Gunderson follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Mary Gunderson  
Address: 1383 West Garwood Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-1900  
Contact E-Mail: [alymar93@hotmail.com](mailto:alymar93@hotmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: 160 Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

The water rates are going to jump dramatically. We have 5 acres and a 1 acre in in lawn around the home to maintain from fire danger and 3.5 acres is livestock pasture and .5acres garden. We pay a great deal for water to keep the place nice and safe for our area.

We feel that it not fair to pay for another one of Bob Turnipseeds new housing developments, water system. That cost should be the new owners hook up fees, like we had to pay with this 5 acres development If this happen I feel then that CC&R's should be changed with respect to installing our own well for our livestock and sprinler for fire danger. Garwood Elementary is the only commercial user of the water system. Their rates will jump dramatically-a district already straining the budget. Thank you for you time.

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**Jean Jewell**

**From:** tom.hunsinger@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 11:39 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tom Hunsinger follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Tom Hunsinger  
Address: 17109 Circls S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 660-7280  
Contact E-Mail: [tom.hunsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.hunsinger@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Case BCS-W-09-2

First of all I would like to say that if it were not for my neighbor e-mailing me regarding this rate case information, I would have known nothing about it. I don't understand how I could have been left off of the mailings list. Because I assure you that I receive my water bills each and every month without fail. It might be interesting to poll the customers and see how many others may not have received notice. It is difficult to understand the exorbitant amount of the proposed rate increase and it really defies logic. It would seem, a company with an income of \$67K and expenses of \$73K, would need an increase of approx 10% to reach a break even point.

Now I know there are other factors involved and I applaud your staff for what appears to be a fairly comprehensive study of the company books and physical plant. Without this study it would be impossible for a customer of the district to make an informed determination if the increase is justified. I particularly commend them for pointing out the company's "Professional Fees" Expense [Attachment 3] which borders on embezzlement if Mr. Turnupseed or any of his family have interest in "Double T Estates Subdivision"

I am going to get completely out of my comfort zone and ask you to examine some figures that I don't understand and their relationship to the staff recommended increase of 67%.  
#1 Net operating income requirement.

I suspect this is an amount that a utility might save for a rainy day or use in day to day expenses not necessarily budgeted for. The thing I don't understand is staff is recommending 12% rate of return on the company's adjusted rate base. (See staff report page 9). The staff is getting recent commission findings of other utilities receiving this level of return. I would challenge the commission to find this level of return on the open market today. I find it absurd, that the company's rate payers, who's own income and savings donot support this level of interest, should then be expected to contribute to their service provider this level of interest. I would expect something more in the neighborhood of 6%.

As for the rate increase, it appears that your staff is being quite generous with their recommendation and I would submit for your review a more fair and equitable rate increase of 51% .

Please using [Attachment 3] In total column multiply \$65,122 x 51% = 33,212 Add this to gross revenue of 67,255 = 100,467 Multiply total State + Fed Tax by 51% = 984 Add this to Total Operating Expense 83,087 + 984 = 84071 Subtract T.O.E. from Gross Revenue 100,467 - 84,071 = 16,396 Net Operating Income = \$16,396

51% Increase = a more reasonable return of equity, a little more than 6%. 6% equaling \$15,979

As for expenses incurred for rate increase filing and approx \$6,000 loss after adjustments for 2009. I think the company should accept this level of increased profit, and be sensitive to its customers financial situations and move on.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Phongslo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 8:54 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Patrick Hongslo follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Patrick Hongslo  
Address: 18870 N Ella Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 2086872798  
Contact E-Mail: [Phongslo@aol.com](mailto:Phongslo@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are on fixed income. This outrageous increase along with other increases in Medical insurance etc. make it a hardship monthly to pay all bills and expenses!

We are in a development of five acres parcels and yes, we chose to have a big yard, but did not anticipate the water expense going up dramatically!!

Summer we really have to watch our expenses as it so costly about \$250.00 a month to water our lawn!

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** dc\_intolubbe@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2009 7:33 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Lynn W. Intolubbe follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Lynn W. Intolubbe  
Address: N. 17926 Wrangler Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-0498  
Contact E-Mail: [dc\\_intolubbe@yahoo.com](mailto:dc_intolubbe@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Co.  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Bar Circle 'S' Estates is a community of approx. 5 acre homesites. My home has approx. 1 - 1 1/2 acres of lawn that must be irrigated. I am now on a fixed income since my husband passed away in 2008. The house has 4 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths with my son and I living here. Water usage for July/Aug 2008 was 5564270. Water usage increased in the summer of 2009 to 6002440 as the new lawn care company said the lawn wasn't receiving enough water for it to survive. Watering is done in the early dawn hours.

My son and I do not have any large animals but my neighbors on my road have a total of 11 horses. We have a small dog.

I do not think Bar Circle 'S' Water Co. should have to pay for new development's water system. The cost should be the new owners responsibility.

There should be a reasonable rate increase. The base monthly rate should be increased 20% from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per month for the first 50,000 gallons. Increase water used in excess of 50,000 gallons 15.5% from the current \$0.95 to \$1.10. Hook up fees in the new development should go to \$2,500.00.

Sincerely,  
Lynn W. Intolubbe

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Jean Jewell

From: jim.ochenkoski@roadrunner.com  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 4:32 PM  
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jim Ochenkoski follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Jim Ochenkoski  
Address: PO Box 1164  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-2113  
Contact E-Mail: jim.ochenkoski@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
I have reviewed the Staff report dated 10/23/09 related to Case No. BCS-W-09-02 and I support their recommendations. As one of the customers served by the Bar Circle 'S' Water Company, I am not excited about increased rates, but I understand the Company's need to operate profitably.

My personal experiences with the Company have always been positive. They have been responsive to two emergent requests in regard to my water service in the 14 years that I have been their customer and I found them to be friendly and efficient. They seem to have kept their overhead expenses to a minimum and our rates low for a long time.

Kudos to the Staff for a comprehensive report. I appreciate the effort expended in auditing, interviewing, and evaluating the Company in order to make a determination of fair and reasonable expenses. I feel like my interests were well served by their attention to every detail. Thank you.

And thank you to the Commissioners for continued work in a challenging and often thankless job. Whatever your final decision may be on this issue, stop by my house the next time you're in town and I'll buy you a glass of water!

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** bahunsinger@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2009 11:07 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Bobbie Hunsinger follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-01  
Name: Bobbie Hunsinger  
Address: 17109 Circle S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 6607280  
Contact E-Mail: [bahunsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:bahunsinger@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I do not think this rate increase is needed. We were told when they expanded the area and number of customers it(the water company) served, that there was no need to raise rates. The idea that they want to borrow money so they can put an individual out of work is just not smart. Our rates are very normal, and an increase, in my opinion will be a hardship. Please do not allow this rate increase to happen.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** snm277@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2009 9:55 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Lorraine Schmidt follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-2  
Name: Lorraine Schmidt  
Address: 18812 N. Ramsey Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-6908  
Contact E-Mail: [snm277@roadrunner.com](mailto:snm277@roadrunner.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company, Inc Add to Mailing List: (yes)

Please describe your comment briefly:  
'Item 2. Pumping power expense' Staff Report dated 10/23/09 (pg 7) states power costs are at the 2008 rate. However, we all received notice with our October billing for electricity that rates are decreasing effective Nov. 01, 2009 for both residential and business. The business rate by an average of 20.1 percent. This should be taken into consideration.

Also, Bar Circle S uses its affiliate Avondale Construction for constuction and maintenance isn't this a conflict of interest? Shouldn't they get bids from at least three companies and use the best bid.

Attachment 7 'Water Usage Per Customer, Gallons per Month for the years 2007 and 2008 during the months of May & June seems very strange because we had deep,deep snow on the ground all through May up and to mid June. Are the figures in the illustration correct?

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** dlandberg@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2009 9:09 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dennis Landberg follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Dennis Landberg  
Address: 1171 W. Dolan Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858-8237  
Daytime Telephone: 208/687-5173  
Contact E-Mail: dlandberg@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

A request for a 119% increase in water usage fees by any service company, at any time, is a direct result of mismanagement. BCS should have anticipated their future operating expenses before it became a crisis. Present BCS expenses and cash reserve requirements could be maintained at an increase of only 20% over present rates and/or implementing new management. We have been customers of BCS since 1996. During the summer months of July and August our past irrigation costs exceeded \$300 per month for lawns and shrubs. We have removed a substantial area of landscaping in order to reduce these costs. Our only recourse to avoid increased water bills is to remove/replace the remaining lawns and shrubs with bark or rock. Then BCS would need to increase water rates even more because their customers have drastically reduced consumption.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** marvin@mvpestimating.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2009 7:07 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Marvin Pridemore follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Marvin Pridemore  
Address: 544 W. Dolan Rd.  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858-7900  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-2520  
Contact E-Mail: marvin@mvpestimating.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

No, Please don't raise our RATES. On fixed income, without cost of living raise it is difficult to make ends meet. A 119% increase in our water bill is out of the question.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** ttaggart@lakeland272.org  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2009 5:27 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tom Taggart follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Tom Taggart  
Address: PO Box 39  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-659-7957  
Contact E-Mail: [ttaggart@lakeland272.org](mailto:ttaggart@lakeland272.org) Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We operate Garwood Elementary which is served by Bar Circle S for water. We also operate five elementary schools throughout northern Kootenai County. The current charges at Garwood are among the highest we pay. Any increase in water charges will require us to cut something else in a budget that has already been cut. We would prefer to spend our taxpayers money on the education of our students. The amount of the increase is huge and seems to be way out of line. We are opposed to the proposed rate increase.

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IP address is 207.170.238.254

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