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Scott Woodbury  
Deputy Attorney General  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 838720-0074

Re: Case No. BCS-W-09-2

Dear Mr Woodbury and 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%.

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 | <u>\$ 2,157</u> |
| Subtotal               |          | \$ 2,609        |

Assets with three years of depreciation remaining:

|                        |           |               |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Well Pump Improvements | 8/8/1996  | \$ 739        |
| Well Site Improvements | 8/15/2004 | <u>\$ 786</u> |
| Subtotal               |           | \$1,525       |

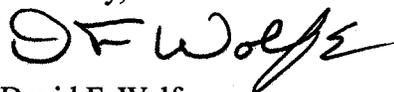
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| Total |  | \$4,134 |
|-------|--|---------|

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

Scott Woodbury, Case No. BC2-W-09-2  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

After careful review of the staff report dated Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, the proposed increase of 119% is absolutely ridiculous. The staff proposed increase of 73% is also out of site, I believe all the information in the report is fairly accurate for the information they were provided, from the Turnkeys, I feel the pressure, and the amount of time we have been without water or told not to water plays an important part in this increase, as far as upgrading lines and pumps that should be a gradual rate increase, not an increase to pay for all improvements,

Many of the residences on the Bar Circle & water system are contemplating drilling our own wells after pricing and electrical costs per month depending on this increase, it may be cost prohibitive for us to do so

I feel an increase of 16% - 27% would be acceptable

Janette

N17841 Dream Dr. Rd.



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Public Hearing

BCS-W-09-02

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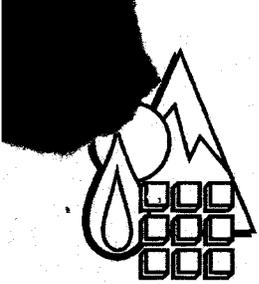
PLEASE DENY TURNIPSEED'S REQUEST FOR A 119% INCREASE FOR  
OUR WATER USAGE.

A REASONABLE RATE INCREASE WOULD BE 20%

ALSO PLEASE INCREASE THE HOOK UP FEES TO \$2500  
SO THAT OUR WATER SYSTEM CAN EXPAND TO HANDLE NEW  
DEVELOPMENT.

WE LIVE ON 5 ACRES AND TRY TO KEEP THE  
PROPERTY & LAWN WELL WATERED TO REDUCE THE  
FIRE DANGER

Print Name MARTY J. HANN Sign Name Marty Hann  
Mailing Address 1456 W. LONGHORN ST. Phone Number (208) 687-2289  
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We agree on a reasonable rate increase for Bas Circle S. Water Company but believe 119% is unreasonable.

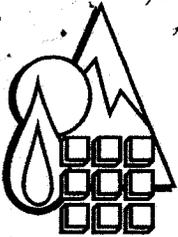
Base monthly ~~increase~~ increase of 20% being reasonable

Water pressure this summer at times was very low. Front lawn is on auto sprinkles that water at night. I do not feel that we should have to pay for Turnipseed's new development <sup>water</sup> system.

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I think that it did not equate my cost increases for 10 years and then expected to be compensated virtually immediately it would be out of business. A fair & reasonable increase is properly due but lets not penalize the <sup>current</sup> customers of Bar circle 5 for lack of proper business planning for the past decade by Bar circle 5 water Co. I also believe it is very sneaky how this almost goes clear to vote without some sort of posted notice. Mail cards that appear to be junk mail as a means of notification is not sufficient. That's my opinion

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|---|---|
| Case No.                                  | BCS-W-09-02   |
| Your name                                 | WILLIAM R. MALLOY   |
| Address                                   | 1737 W. DOLAN RD  |
| City                                      | RATHDRUM  |
| State                                     | IDAHO   |
| ZIP                                       | 83858   |
| Daytime Telephone                         | 208-660-4255  |
| Email Address                             | billmalloy@roadrunner.com                                     |
| Name of Utility Company                   | BAR CIRCLE S WATER COMPANY, IN                                |
| Add me to mailing list for this case only | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |

***Below, please describe your comment briefly.***

**IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION****Public Hearing      BCS-W-09-02      Rathdrum**

November 5, 2009

Sent by fax and online:

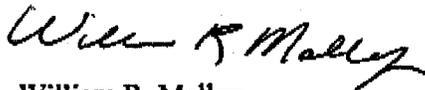
Dear Commissioners,

I have included in my fax to you a four page spreadsheet that I can email to you if you provide me an email address to send it to. With it I show my water usage of the four summer months of the last four years. It will compare Bar Circle "S" Company's current rate with their proposed rate increase and what it would mean to my family. It will also show a comparison of our usage if we were located in two other nearby water districts, the Prairie Water Association and the City of Rathdrum. Both of which show a lower cost of water based on what they charge their customers. You will notice that we are nearly double the cost of water with Bar Circle "S" Company's current rate today. I do not believe any increase is justified concerning the water usage. I do believe there is justification to increase or allow an impact fee for new meters and hookups.

In 1997 we moved into Bar Circle S development because of the five acre lots and the nice larger homes with the big yards. We are a family of five, have an acre plus maybe two of lawn and landscaping. We water our yard at night and try to water just enough to keep our yard green.

I do not believe the request made by Bar Circle "S" Company is justified. They want to increase the revenue from the consumption of water but want to reduce the revenue for a water meter and hookup. Bar Circle "S" Company states that they only want to cover the cost for hookups. I am firm believer in impact fees. I believe that if there are additional meters or new hookups to the system then the property owner, developer should bear the cost not the current water users.

Respectfully,



William R. Malloy  
1737 W. Dolan Rd.  
Rathdrum, Idaho 83858  
208-660-4255

**COMPARISONS**

|              | Bar Circle S with current rates | Bar Circle S with a proposed 119.45% rate increase | Affect of the 119.45% Bar Circle S rate increase. | Prairie Water Association | City of Rathdrum |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>2006</b>  |                                 |  |   |                           |                  |
| June         | \$48,73                         | \$106,79   | \$58,07   | \$33,05                   | \$39,55          |
| July         | \$123,78                        | \$271,11   | \$147,34  | \$60,70                   | \$67,20          |
| August       | \$171,28                        | \$375,11   | \$203,84  | \$78,20                   | \$84,70          |
| September    | \$100,03                        | \$219,11   | \$119,09  | \$51,95                   | \$58,45          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$443,80</b>                 | <b>\$972,12</b>                                    | <b>\$528,32</b>                                   | <b>\$223,90</b>           | <b>\$249,90</b>  |
| <b>2007</b>  |                                 |  |   |                           |                  |
| June         | \$88,63                         | \$194,15   | \$105,53  | \$47,75                   | \$54,25          |
| July         | \$153,23                        | \$335,59   | \$182,37  | \$71,55                   | \$78,05          |
| August       | \$135,18                        | \$296,07   | \$160,90  | \$64,90                   | \$71,40          |
| September    | \$104,78                        | \$229,51   | \$124,74  | \$53,70                   | \$60,20          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$481,80</b>                 | <b>\$1,055,32</b>                                  | <b>\$573,52</b>                                   | <b>\$237,90</b>           | <b>\$263,90</b>  |
| <b>2008</b>  |                                 |  |   |                           |                  |
| June         | \$88,63                         | \$194,15   | \$105,53  | \$47,75                   | \$54,25          |
| July         | \$122,83                        | \$269,03   | \$146,21  | \$60,35                   | \$66,85          |
| August       | \$99,08                         | \$217,03   | \$117,96  | \$51,80                   | \$58,10          |
| September    | \$64,88                         | \$142,15   | \$77,28   | \$39,00                   | \$45,80          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$375,40</b>                 | <b>\$822,36</b>                                    | <b>\$446,98</b>                                   | <b>\$198,70</b>           | <b>\$224,70</b>  |
| <b>2009</b>  |                                 |  |   |                           |                  |
| June         | \$95,28                         | \$208,71   | \$113,44  | \$50,20                   | \$56,70          |
| July         | \$109,53                        | \$239,91   | \$130,39  | \$55,45                   | \$61,95          |
| August       | \$116,18                        | \$264,47   | \$138,30  | \$57,90                   | \$64,40          |
| September    | \$81,03                         | \$177,51   | \$96,49   | \$44,95                   | \$51,45          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$402,00</b>                 | <b>\$880,60</b>                                    | <b>\$478,60</b>                                   | <b>\$208,50</b>           | <b>\$234,50</b>  |

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**BAR CIRCLE \$ current water rates**  
 \$15.00 for the first 7500 gallons  
 \$0.95 for every additional 1000 gallons

| Month     | Year | Usage  | Base  | Overage | Overage \$ | Total \$        |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2006 | 43000  | -7500 | 35500   | \$33.73    | \$48.73         |
| July      | 2006 | 122000 | -7500 | 114500  | \$108.78   | \$123.78        |
| August    | 2006 | 172000 | -7500 | 164500  | \$156.28   | \$171.28        |
| September | 2006 | 97000  | -7500 | 89500   | \$85.03    | \$100.03        |
|           |      |        |       |         |            | <b>\$443.86</b> |

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|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| June      | 2007 | 85000  | -7500 | 77500  | \$73.63  | \$88.63         |
| July      | 2007 | 153000 | -7500 | 145500 | \$138.23 | \$153.23        |
| August    | 2007 | 134000 | -7500 | 126500 | \$120.18 | \$135.18        |
| September | 2007 | 102000 | -7500 | 94500  | \$89.78  | \$104.78        |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$481.80</b> |

|           |      |        |       |        |          |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| June      | 2008 | 85000  | -7500 | 77500  | \$73.63  | \$88.63         |
| July      | 2008 | 121000 | -7500 | 113500 | \$107.83 | \$122.83        |
| August    | 2008 | 96000  | -7500 | 88500  | \$84.08  | \$99.08         |
| September | 2008 | 60000  | -7500 | 52500  | \$49.88  | \$64.88         |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$375.40</b> |

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|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| June      | 2009 | 92000  | -7500 | 84500  | \$80.28  | \$95.28         |
| July      | 2009 | 107000 | -7500 | 99500  | \$94.53  | \$109.53        |
| August    | 2009 | 114000 | -7500 | 106500 | \$101.18 | \$116.18        |
| September | 2009 | 77000  | -7500 | 69500  | \$66.03  | \$81.03         |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$402.00</b> |

**BAR CIRCLE \$ proposed water rates**  
 \$32.95 for the first 7,500 gallons  
 \$2.08 for every additional 1,000 gallons

| Month     | Year | Usage  | Base  | Overage | Overage \$ | Total \$        | Increase        |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2006 | 43000  | -7500 | 35500   | \$73.84    | \$106.79        | \$58.07         |
| July      | 2006 | 122000 | -7500 | 114500  | \$236.16   | \$271.11        | \$147.34        |
| August    | 2006 | 172000 | -7500 | 164500  | \$342.16   | \$378.11        | \$203.84        |
| September | 2006 | 97000  | -7500 | 89500   | \$186.16   | \$219.11        | \$119.09        |
|           |      |        |       |         |            | <b>\$972.12</b> | <b>\$528.32</b> |

|           |      |        |       |        |          |                   |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2007 | 85000  | -7500 | 77500  | \$161.20 | \$194.15          | \$105.53        |
| July      | 2007 | 153000 | -7500 | 145500 | \$302.64 | \$335.59          | \$182.37        |
| August    | 2007 | 134000 | -7500 | 126500 | \$263.12 | \$296.07          | \$160.90        |
| September | 2007 | 102000 | -7500 | 94500  | \$198.56 | \$229.51          | \$124.74        |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$1,055.32</b> | <b>\$573.52</b> |

|           |      |        |       |        |          |                 |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2008 | 85000  | -7500 | 77500  | \$161.20 | \$194.15        | \$105.53        |
| July      | 2008 | 121000 | -7500 | 113500 | \$236.08 | \$269.03        | \$146.21        |
| August    | 2008 | 96000  | -7500 | 88500  | \$184.08 | \$217.03        | \$117.96        |
| September | 2008 | 60000  | -7500 | 52500  | \$108.20 | \$142.16        | \$77.28         |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$522.36</b> | <b>\$446.96</b> |

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|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2009 | 92000  | -7500 | 84500  | \$175.76 | \$208.71        | \$113.44        |
| July      | 2009 | 107000 | -7500 | 99500  | \$206.96 | \$239.91        | \$130.39        |
| August    | 2009 | 114000 | -7500 | 106500 | \$221.52 | \$264.47        | \$138.30        |
| September | 2009 | 77000  | -7500 | 69500  | \$144.56 | \$177.51        | \$96.49         |
|           |      |        |       |        |          | <b>\$880.60</b> | <b>\$478.60</b> |

The Affect of  
 the proposed  
 119.45%

**Prairie Water Association**

\$18.00 base rate of 0 gallons  
 \$0.35 for every additional 1,000 gallons

| Month     | Year | Usage  | Base | Overage | Overage \$ | Total \$        |
|-----------|------|--------|------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2006 | 43000  | 0    | 43000   | \$15.05    | \$33.05         |
| July      | 2006 | 122000 | 0    | 122000  | \$42.70    | \$80.70         |
| August    | 2006 | 172000 | 0    | 172000  | \$60.20    | \$78.20         |
| September | 2006 | 97000  | 0    | 97000   | \$33.95    | \$51.95         |
|           |      |        |      |         |            | <u>\$223.90</u> |

|           |      |        |   |        |         |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|---|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2007 | 85000  | 0 | 85000  | \$29.75 | \$47.75         |
| July      | 2007 | 153000 | 0 | 153000 | \$53.55 | \$71.55         |
| August    | 2007 | 134000 | 0 | 134000 | \$46.90 | \$64.90         |
| September | 2007 | 102000 | 0 | 102000 | \$35.70 | \$53.70         |
|           |      |        |   |        |         | <u>\$237.90</u> |

|           |      |        |   |        |         |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|---|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2008 | 85000  | 0 | 85000  | \$29.75 | \$47.75         |
| July      | 2008 | 121000 | 0 | 121000 | \$42.35 | \$60.35         |
| August    | 2008 | 96000  | 0 | 96000  | \$33.80 | \$51.80         |
| September | 2008 | 60000  | 0 | 60000  | \$21.00 | \$39.00         |
|           |      |        |   |        |         | <u>\$198.70</u> |

|           |      |        |   |        |         |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|---|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2009 | 92000  | 0 | 92000  | \$32.20 | \$60.20         |
| July      | 2009 | 107000 | 0 | 107000 | \$37.45 | \$65.45         |
| August    | 2009 | 114000 | 0 | 114000 | \$39.90 | \$67.90         |
| September | 2009 | 77000  | 0 | 77000  | \$26.95 | \$44.95         |
|           |      |        |   |        |         | <u>\$208.50</u> |

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**City of Rathdrum (residential rates)**  
 \$21.00 for the first 10,000 gallons  
 \$0.35 for every additional 1,000 gallons

| Month     | Year | Usage  | Base  | Overage | Overage \$ | Total \$        |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| June      | 2006 | 43000  | 10000 | 53000   | \$18.55    | \$39.55         |
| July      | 2006 | 122000 | 10000 | 132000  | \$46.20    | \$67.20         |
| August    | 2006 | 172000 | 10000 | 182000  | \$63.70    | \$84.70         |
| September | 2006 | 97000  | 10000 | 107000  | \$37.45    | \$58.45         |
|           |      |        |       |         |            | <u>\$249.90</u> |

|           |      |        |       |        |         |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2007 | 85000  | 10000 | 95000  | \$33.25 | \$64.25         |
| July      | 2007 | 153000 | 10000 | 163000 | \$57.05 | \$78.05         |
| August    | 2007 | 134000 | 10000 | 144000 | \$50.40 | \$71.40         |
| September | 2007 | 102000 | 10000 | 112000 | \$39.20 | \$60.20         |
|           |      |        |       |        |         | <u>\$263.90</u> |

|           |      |        |       |        |         |                 |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2008 | 85000  | 10000 | 95000  | \$33.25 | \$64.25         |
| July      | 2008 | 121000 | 10000 | 131000 | \$45.85 | \$66.85         |
| August    | 2008 | 96000  | 10000 | 106000 | \$37.10 | \$68.10         |
| September | 2008 | 60000  | 10000 | 70000  | \$24.50 | \$45.50         |
|           |      |        |       |        |         | <u>\$224.70</u> |

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|-----------|------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| June      | 2009 | 92000  | 10000 | 102000 | \$35.70 | \$68.70         |
| July      | 2009 | 107000 | 10000 | 117000 | \$40.95 | \$61.95         |
| August    | 2009 | 114000 | 10000 | 124000 | \$43.40 | \$64.40         |
| September | 2009 | 77000  | 10000 | 87000  | \$30.45 | \$51.45         |
|           |      |        |       |        |         | <u>\$234.50</u> |

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** gdmynamite@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 3:14 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gregory D. Manning follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Gregory D. Manning  
Address: 16904 N Circle 'S' Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-1155  
Contact E-Mail: [gdmynamite@yahoo.com](mailto:gdmynamite@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I don't think adding on an additional development is advisable for our water system. We currently have houses in the development who have low water pressure due to the amount of draw on the system. Raising the rates by over 100% is not the solution. Our pastures become fire hazards in the dry season because we don't have irrigation water available. We only water the area near the house and our summer billing is 5-6 times higher per month than in the winter months. We expect to pay more during the summer months, but this raise would be a burden.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** mediaspec@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:57 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from MaryAlyce Manning follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: MaryAlyce Manning  
Address: 16904 N Circle 'S' Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-1155  
Contact E-Mail: [mediaspec@yahoo.com](mailto:mediaspec@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Bar Circle 'S' Water Company is planning to raise rates by over 100%. This seems to be excessive. A 15% to 20% raise would be more reasonable. We are a family of 5 living on 5 acres. We moved onto acreage so we could have our horses. Bar Circle 'S' Water does not offer any irrigation water. We only have one water source for household use and outdoor use. Because of the current cost of the water we only water the yard and orchard area. We are unable to afford to water the pasture area at the current pricing. If the rates more that double this will make it difficult to use water for anything other that household use.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** gh56@adelphia.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:49 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gary Howlett follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Gary Howlett  
Address: 18196 N Circle-S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-2268  
Contact E-Mail: [gh56@adelphia.net](mailto:gh56@adelphia.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Comany Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have lived in the Bar Circle S development for about 18 years now. Being one of the first to build here I have see the growth that has occured first hand. I moved here and live on a 5 acre setting as do all my neighbors to enjoy horses and other animals and live a rural lifestyle. I was concerned when building here because of the convent of not being able to drop my own well to take care of the acreage. I was assured that I would always have enough water and it would be a nominal cost in purpurity. I have spent over an hour reading the document that was set before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission about the water rate increase.

First of all I had a neighbor tell me about this just this week. I recieved NO MAILINGS that this was about to occur or even being proposed. But since it is being proposed I would like to voice my concerns about what I have read. I will be refering to the 'STAFF REPORT' case no. BCS-W-09-2.

During these stressfull economic times 2 things appear to stick out in this report.

1. Mr. Turnipseed would like a complete return on his investment in a 1 year turn around for his capital investment by rasing the rates by over a 100% and then continue that rate forever. NO business has the right to recover capital investment offsets in that timeline. It also seems that we that are already established here will be made to pay for a new development in which we are not even involved with or will see any profit from. Mr. Turnipseed and his construction company however will see profits and huge capital gains. As a side note..I have already paid my initial costs for water when I built here so should those who build after me. Access to water is a 'utility' expense and should not be considered a 'for profit' enterprise. This proposal appears to be not only to 'catch up' from expansions that do not benefit us directly but a clear cut future profit taking venture.
2. Some facts that are stated in this proposal are just incorrect... again from my perspective. One example...why should I pay for any 'lost water' expense that I did not cause. Having acreage many factors come into play. Water use in a rural setting is totally different from use in a city setting. Watering animals, pasture, larger lawns, keeping a fire barrier, are just some examples. I would drop a well for this but I cannot...this is an issue. Our water quality is ok but by no means is superior...I get this information from looking at the reports we are given when the test results are returned.

I currently do not have horses (I have in the past though) but will be acquiring alpacas or sheep for fleese processing as part of my lifestyle. I do all my watering at night and I do conserve all that I can. By adding more development to the existing wells a lower water pressure will undoubly occur and will have be addressed....it should again not be at my expense!!!

Change the CCR's so we can drop our own well to support ourself or provide the service that was promised at a break-even cost is not an unreasonable request. I understand that maintence costs have risen but to burden us with someone elses future profits is not acceptable. A 10 maybe even a 15% increase in rates is reasonable for 'on going' maintenace expenses.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express some of the issues at discussion here. There are many other concerns I am sure. Please take these thoughts into consideration when evaluating this proposal and base your decision for the good the many and not the betterment of the few or the one. Again.....Thank-you.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** showlett56@adelphia.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Susan Howlett follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Susan Howlett  
Address: 19106 N Circle-S Trail  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-2268  
Contact E-Mail: [showlett56@adelphia.net](mailto:showlett56@adelphia.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Comany Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please DO NOT raise our rates. We did not even receive the courtesy of a notification of intent to raise rates by the water company. We try to conserve water by using outdoor water at night on our five acres of pasture and garden. We only use 11000 gallons per month in the summer and are below allotment the remainder of the year. I do not feel it is fair for us to support a developers aggressive expansion into another housing development.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** susan.adcox@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:24 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Robert and Susan Adcox follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Robert and Susan Adcox  
Address: 1376 W Garwood Rd.  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-5092  
Contact E-Mail: [susan.adcox@gmail.com](mailto:susan.adcox@gmail.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.

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**From:** garwoodgardener@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:04 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Charles and Diane Corsi follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Charles and Diane Corsi  
Address: 575 W Ranch Ct  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208 687-3619  
Contact E-Mail: garwoodgardener@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Add  
to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We have been customers of Bar S Water since 1992. Please deny Bar S this proposed rate increase of more than 74% It appears to us that if the rate increase is granted we will then have one of the most expensive water rates in the state based upon the 2008 report of privately held water companies.

We understand there has been increased costs of operation for Bar S. However we do question how much of the cost is for the original subdivision water supply maintenance and improvements and how much is for adding water service for an adjacent commercial development and the multiple subdivisions which the owners of Bar S Water have developed themselves and certainly highly profited from. These costs of water service expansion should be absorbed by the real estate development and hook up fees, not by raising the rates of the existing customers of the water service .

This rate increase would be a hardship in these difficult economic times for all the customers, including the Garwood School. It is a time when all school districts are having budget crisis issues. We will end up with increased taxes, as well as the extreme raise in water rates.

We would agree to a rate increase reasonable to the rate of inflation. The proposed rate increase for usage over the basic allotment is our highest concern. This only occurs for us in the summer months in order to keep our 6 acres of property fire safe and maintain our property value. We try to use as many water conservation measures as possible. but this is water use for acreage not just a lot and a household.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the rate increase. It is our hope the commission will deny the current proposal and approve a proposal which is fair to the existing customers.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** laimaswan@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 12:48 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Chris & Laima Swanson follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-2  
Name: Chris & Laima Swanson  
Address: 19332 N Ella Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-3775  
Contact E-Mail: [laimaswan@roadrunner.com](mailto:laimaswan@roadrunner.com) Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water  
Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

This letter is in response to the public hearing on Oct 30th to which we attended. We are strongly opposed to the rate increase recommended by the Company and the PUC. We have reviewed the PUC recommendation and are uncomfortable with the exaggeration of the numbers/bookkeeping as presented by Mr. Turnipseed. Were all of the income statement numbers audited? I found his inclusion of related party payments as inclusion into the net loss to be most troublesome. We are very concerned that Mr. Turnipseed is using his current customers to help pay for the water to future customers. We are also concerned that Mr. Turnipseed has gotten himself into financial distress by continuing to develop real estate for which there are no current buyers and is looking to his current customers for a 'bailout.' He is outright lying that he has never received any complaints. Until the pump was replaced last year, we had to call several times a year to complain about the total loss of water pressure due to the failure of the pump. At least once, this caused me to be late for work due to no water to shower and prepare for work. It sometimes took most of the day before the water pressure returned. Since 2007, the water pressure was so low during the day in the summer we had to switch our sprinkler system to come on at midnight just so there was enough pressure to water the lawn. There was barely enough pressure to rotate a sprinkler during the day. We and our neighbors called more than once to complain about the pressure and were told nothing was wrong with it. Curiously, Mr. Turnipseed replaced the pump last year about the same time he started to work on the new development north of us. He chose to replace the pump during the heat of the summer and all of his customers were told to use water sparingly and not water the lawn or any of our gardens so we would not run out of water. Lastly, he had problems with water quality last year of which we were not notified until after the fact. We feel that the pump was put in to boost pressure but that the lines are not adequate to supply the amount of water needed. We are very concerned that if and when Mr. Turnipseed hooks up the new development, that our water pressure will fall drastically. Then we will be required to pay even more to remedy a poorly planned water system. With regards to the current proposed rate increase, we feel it is outrageous. I am a CPA and if the firm I worked for tried to double the rates on our clients in one year we would have no clients left - every one of them would walk out the door. Unfortunately, we do not have a choice on which water company we can use. I do have access to other water company information and I do know that Mr. Turnipseed's proposed rates are substantially higher than others I have seen. We understand that a rate increase is normal for every business as the cost of everything continually goes up. But in this very uncertain economy, timing is everything. Mr. Turnipseed's timing stinks. We are not millionaires. My husband was laid off last December and was never called back. If it were not for our son-in-law, he would not

be working at all. We find it very troubling that during this economic turmoil, when so many are hurting that Mr. Turnipseed would choose to ask for such an increase in rates. We also find it very odd that he would do so when so many real estate developers are hurting because of very poor planning and extremely poor judgement. Again, we are not here to bail Mr. Turnipseed out of financial distress. A rate increase of 10 to 15 percent is reasonable. 73% is not. Please take another look at the reasons for the increase and reconsider your recommendation. I know of no other utility or business that would do this to their customers in one year. I should not have to pay hundreds of dollars a month during the summer to keep my lawn and my garden green. That is what it would cost me and it is totally unfair. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Fr8rcapt@msn.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 11:50 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from John and Jeanne Dickson follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: John and Jeanne Dickson  
Address: 1297 Longhorn Street  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: (208) 699-5909  
Contact E-Mail: [Fr8rcapt@msn.com](mailto:Fr8rcapt@msn.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Co Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

It is absolutely ridiculous for any entity, let alone a public utility, to double their rates AND add a 119% increase on useage -- all at one time. I certainly understand that the price for natural resources may increase over time -- but this is utter piracy and will create a hardship for both my family, as well as the rest of the existing neighborhood. We have acreage, and nice landscapes, and trees, and crops out here on our 5 acres of existing homes and I can see it all deteriorate as people cut back on useage should this extreme increase be allowed to pass. There is no doubt in my mind that this increase will go to pay for the development of a water system for Bob Turnipseed's new housing projects in the future. That cost should be absorbed by Mr. Turnipseed or the new owners -- NOT US! If this proposed increase is allowed to pass, then I believe the present homeowners should have the right to drill their own wells requiring a change in the CCR's.

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OURS RATES!

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**From:** trubin00@live.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 9:01 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Terri Rubin follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Terri Rubin  
Address: 1903 W. Dolan Road  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: (208) 687-9335  
Contact E-Mail: [trubin00@live.com](mailto:trubin00@live.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

No, Please do not increase our water rates. It would be a very financial hardship for us. In this already skyrocketing economy it is alot to ask us to pay for such a huge increase in our rates, to build Bob Turnipseed's new housing developments. Last year our water line burst, resulting in an over 500.00 water bill. When I spoke to Mr. Turnipseed about this, he very rudely informed me that it was ALL my responsibility to pay. We just had the same thing happen again, resulting in a 267.00 water bill. I know now, not to ask Mr. Turnipseed for any financial help. So let him take on ALL the financial responsibility of his developments himself.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** gsteph18908@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 8:40 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gail & Don Stephens follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Gail & Don Stephens  
Address: 18908 N. Ramsey Rd.  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 687-1967  
Contact E-Mail: [gsteph18908@gmail.com](mailto:gsteph18908@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are seniors on Soc. Sec. Hard to accommodate increases during poor economy with no COLA for 2010+ year. Our water usage from Jul - Sep was 202170 gals...60920 in Jul and 58580 in Aug to keep 7 acres green (not a small city lot) and help protect and nurture the trees for future development and aesthetic value for the area. The water is used mainly for that purpose. Usage during the remaining months is household useage for two and falls way below the BASE usage threshold (which we feel should increase if the rates are going to increase). The major costs should be covered by new homes hookups. Do not increase rates now!

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** bixenstein@netzero.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 7:44 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Bixenstein follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Bixenstein  
Address: 17406 N Ramsey Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-1490  
Contact E-Mail: [bixenstein@netzero.com](mailto:bixenstein@netzero.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Co.  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
NO, PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR RATES

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IP address is 76.178.185.90

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** dandjcurran@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 6:13 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dennis & Jean Curran follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Dennis & Jean Curran  
Address: 699 W Ranch Ct  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-4432  
Contact E-Mail: [dandjcurran@gmail.com](mailto:dandjcurran@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We would like to protest the proposed rate increase of 119% filed by Robert Turnipseed. An increase of 119% will create an unreasonable financial hardship on us. We are on a retirement income. Our annual increase does not keep up with the continuing increases of food, gasoline, insurance, property taxes, and healthcare costs. We averaged around 26700 gal/month for Jul & Aug 2009. The other 9 months averaged 11875 gal/month. Last year Jul & Aug avg. 27200 gal/month, rest of year 12100 gal/month. The proposed 7500 gal. baseline is ridiculously low for 5 acre parcels. 50000 gal is more reasonable with a monthly base rate of \$18.00, instead of \$15.00 Excess useage should be billed at \$1.10 per thousand gallons, not \$2.08. We should not have to pay for the Double T development costs and/or investment losses incurred by Turnipseed. There should have been a reserve fund set up years ago for the needs of the community water system. Homeowners should have the right to put in a private well. Please deny the rate increase and recommend further discussions to reasonable alternatives. Thank you. The Currans

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** summtymo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2009 4:35 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Chris & Lynne Moyer follows:

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Case Number: BCS-W-09-02  
Name: Chris & Lynne Moyer  
Address: 19026 N. Ella Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: ID  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208.819-3881  
Contact E-Mail: [summtymo@aol.com](mailto:summtymo@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Co Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are opposed to the rate increase that Bar Circle S Co is asking the commission. We are a family of six living in a housing development of 5 acre parcels. We use our water conservatively, and water only in the summer in the evening, and not daily. In July our home used 60,250 gallons of water. As it stands now with increases in taxes, utility, groceries, and wage decrease we are under extreme financial hardship. A water rate increase of %119 percent would be outrageous, and may put our home ownership in danger. Bob Turnupseed is building a new sub-division, and therefore seems that would be the reason for the huge increase in rates. We do not think it is fair to ask the established homeowners to bear the cost of this new project. A small increase in water fees seems fair, but not what Bar Circle S is proposing. Thank you for your consideration,  
Lynne & Chris Moyer

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IP address is 98.145.75.93

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