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Jean Jewell

From: Kimo918@roadrunner.com
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 7:53 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from William Bodlander follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: William Bodlander
Address: 1695 W. Dolan Road
City: Rathdrum
State: Idaho
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208 687 3442
Contact E-Mail: Kimo918@roadrunner.com
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We have lived here 13 years. There has not been a rate increase & we don't have objections to one, but this is unreasonable. Over the years, as people have filled in the neighborhood & they have expanded new plats for development our water service has deteriorated with less pressure, more water outages, pump failures, some quality issues, etc. The water system is called on to handle more service, but little in the way of upgrades. Now, without notice, they want to add an additional home development to use our water system & have us pay for the added people & necessary upgrades by raising our rates over double. We all live on 5+ acre lots with high upkeep homes & landscapes & pay added costs for added water usage. We use conservation, water at night, with limited usage. This is a fire area potentially, with high brush, trees & forest vegetation. Water is necessary for suppression & prevention during hot summer months. When we bought into this development we were never told that our water system would be used for other than this development. The new development should pay for their water usage through increased hook up fees & the full cost of upgrading the systems, hardware, personnel & delivery costs. This also applies to the added plats that Bar Circle 'S' has brought on line already. I would suggest an increase of the Monthly Base Rate to 20%, the excess usage rate to an excess of 50,000 gallons by 15%. If private wells per 5 acre lots are not allowed currently, they should be to allow current homeowners an alternative to these drastic & excessive increases. We do not want to pay for business schemes not associated with this neighborhood. Let the Bar 'S' company dig a new well to provide water elsewhere. Thank you for allowing us to express our views.

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Jean Jewell

From: scottandjulie@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 9:35 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Scott Beckett follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: Scott Beckett
Address: 1103 W. Dolan rd.
City: Rathdurm
State: Idaho
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-3182
Contact E-Mail: scottandjulie@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Bar circle S water co.
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:
to Commissioners.

My name is Scott Beckett. I'm a rate payer to Bar circle S water co. which is asking for a more than doubling of my water usage rates. In the heat of summer I pay over \$300.00 per months already.
There are reasonable alternatives to this extreme rate increase request. I along with my family live on five acres and because of the C C & Rs restricting me from installing my own well, I am forced to rent my water from Bar circle S water co.(read monopoly). Thanks

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Jean Jewell

From: rjmc.home@roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 7:42 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael and Robyn Cole follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-2
Name: Michael and Robyn Cole
Address: 18791 North Ella Road
City: Rathdrum
State: Idaho
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: (208) 262-1286
Contact E-Mail: rjmc.home@roadrunner.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company, Inc.
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We, Michael and Robyn Cole, respectfully request that the Commission deny the Application of Bar Circle "S" Water Company, Inc. authorizing an increase in the Company's rates and charges for water service (Case No. BCS-W-09-2).

We are a family of 2 adults and a dog, residing in our new home for the past 6 months. We have set aside approximately 1 acre of the 5 acre property for lawn and landscaping that will be installed during the spring of 2010. Our current water usage, without any irrigation use, averages 5,000 gallons per month.

Bar Circle "S" Water Company allows 7,500 gallons as the threshold for the basic monthly service rate. When we purchased the property in 2005, the developer, who is also the owner/operator of the water company, stated that their baseline rate was sufficient for normal monthly use by a small family plus irrigation for approximately 1 acre of lawn or pasture. Additionally, the Declaration of Protective Covenants literature we received at the time of our purchase states that the "amount of water supplied per tract by the Bar Circle "S" Water Inc. is the amount normally used in one (1) single family residence, and enough to irrigate one (1) acre."

We do not use an unusual amount of water for our routine household purposes. Currently we are using 2/3 of the basic allotment under the rate structure, WITHOUT any irrigation. A rough estimate of the amount of water required to irrigate an acre of landscaping to 1" depth is 26,000 gallons. The average landscape in this climate needs approximately 0.25" per day, or 1" per 4 days, in a peak month. So, we may anticipate that our water usage will increase to 7.5" (30 / 4) per month, or 195,000 gallons per month. Our total monthly usage during a peak month might then be 200,000 gallons. This water usage estimate clearly exceeds the verbal statement made to us by Mr. Turnipseed at the time of our purchase and it is also significantly more than the Declaration of Protective Covenants literature we received from the developer. Thus, we believe the initial 7,500 gallon threshold for normal household and landscaping use is severely understated and not revising it violates our current agreement.

Although we understand the nature behind the Company's Application, and, thus, do not object to an increase of our water charges, we do oppose the radical spike from the current rate as well as the contradictory information in our Declaration of Protective Covenants with regards to reasonable water consumption.

As a final observation, it should also be duly noted that many of the submissions from Bar Circle "S" Water Company, Inc are riddled with deceitful data and to rely on it, if even slightly, is prejudice:

- Overvalued cost for the interconnection project
- Egregious increase in labor costs
- False claims regarding the Normalized Water Testing frequency
- Inappropriate consulting expenses for Double T subdivision
- Lack of UCRR compliance (Annual Rules Summary, Customer Billing, Termination for Non-Payment)
- Avondale Construction Inc (lic RCE-560) is not only a business affiliate of Bar Circle "S" Water Company, they are owned by the same party, Robert Turnipseed

We have carefully reviewed the Staff Report and recommend that the Commission reject the proposed rate increase and implement a more reasonable fee schedule not to exceed the Tariff Design suggested by the Staff.

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Jean Jewell

From: Matbuff@Roadrunner.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 6:35 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Norman J Miller follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-02
Name: Norman J Miller
Address: 17982 N Ramsey Rd
City: Rathdrum
State: ID
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: 208-687-5357
Contact E-Mail: Matbuff@Roadrunner.com
Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle S Water Company Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am a customer of the Bar Circle S Water Company and understand their desire for a rate increase. However I believe their proposed increase is excessive particularly in comparison with the recent cost of living increases.

I am also a customer of the Diamond Bar Estates Water Company which is also owned by Mr. Turnipseed. You processed his rate increase request last year and I feel that you granted him a reasonable increase at that time. I hope you do the same with his Bar Circle S request.

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From: kristinemetcalf@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 6:30 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Lee Metcalf follows:

Case Number: BCS-W-09-2
Name: Lee Metcalf
Address: 1837 W Dolan Road
City: Rathdrum
State: ID
Zip: 83858
Daytime Telephone: (208) 659-1379
Contact E-Mail: kristinemetcalf@yahoo.com Name of Utility Company: Bar Circle 'S' Water Company, INC Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

The proposed radical rate increase of 73.08% is unfair and I seriously question the legitimacy of the incurred costs. I can see no reason as to why a gradual rate increase is not approved instead of the monumental one that is recommended by your staff. In any business a customer would simply utilize a different vendor or service, but we are being held hostage. The recommended 67% increase for the watermaster is exorbitant when a similar system that services over 300 (almost twice the size of this one) customers for \$1300 / month. I could see a more realistic increase in this fee, but to see this type of mammoth increase is without merit.

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