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Comment_description: I realize that upgrades to a water system means the owner incurs additional expenses. When they purchased the system I am sure they must have looked at the business model and determined what a fair rate of return for their investment would be. For seven months of the year (Oct-April) there is little cost involved with running the system. Demand is minimal during these months, which mean energy costs to run the pumps etc. should drive revenues upwards for the owner(s).

My Bill for the period of October through April is \$20.00 per month, my average usage for these months is between 5 and 6 thousand gallons. This is well under the 15 thousand gallons I am allowed before the additional \$.75 per thousand gallons would apply.

During the period of May through September our usage averages out to 83,858 gallons per month with August being the worst month usage wise @ 133,570. These figures include the first 15000 gallons I'm allowed before the \$.75 per thousand gallons premium kicks in.

I find it appalling for the Bitterroot Water Company to ask for a 125% increase on our monthly fee of \$20.00 too \$45.00. It will be interesting to see where they are coming up with their figures that will explain such a request; we are only talking about 116 users. I hope they are not wasting the commission's valuable time and energy to hear frivolous requests without basis. If so, they should reimburse the costs the commission paid to hear their request.

I would suggest Bitterroot Water Company change their billing structure. I would like to use my last years usage and have this pro-rated over the entire year, this way I will be less susceptible to having a heart attack, or should say my wife Linda from having one when she opens our higher usage months bills. Also this would provide Bitterroot Water Company revenues upfront that they typically do not receive.

One upgrade that has not been accomplished, and at least twice a year occurs, is during the loss of commercial power we are without ANY water. I think just from a fire fighting perspective this would be unacceptable.

Thank you for reading my concerns and potential solution to Bitterroots fiscal woes.

Sincerely

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