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Comment description: An article in the Idaho Statesman (7/26/06) stated that "[ACHD's] plan to widen Ustick Road also will require Capitol Water to replace a number of customer service lines...." If that is the case, it is entirely unreasonable that ACHD be allowed to shift these costs associated with their project onto Capitol Water customers.

Those costs should be subtracted from Capitol Water's rate increase request and be required to be bourn by ACHD, not Capital Water customers.

Many Capitol Water customers are already being adversely impacted by ACHD on this project. They're facing loss of property along the roadway, more traffic and noise, and decreased property values. In spite of their opposition to this, ACHD is apparently moving ahead with this project.

And, now we learn that they're also partly to blame for our future water rate increases too.

I want to go on record stating that those costs -- if Ustick Road is expanded -- need to be fully reimbursed to Capitol Water (and, hence, their customers) by ACHD. The road widening is not a Capitol Water project, it's an ACHD project.

In your role overseeing our water rates, we're counting on you to make sure that ACHD's costs are not shifted to Capitol Water and their customers as part of your decision on this case.

Thanks for your active consideration in this matter,

Curt

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