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**From:** geoncarol@icehouse.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 2:31 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from George Abelhanz follows:

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Case Number: DIA-W-07-01  
Name: George Abelhanz  
Address: 1814 W Diamond Bar Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Home Telephone: 762-3346  
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Name of Utility Company: Diamond Bar Estates Water Company  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

How is this proposed rate increase determined to be only 87% when the monthly rate is more than being doubled?

The statement made page 6, under Rate Design; exhibit No. 10, second paragraph, "This shift also smoothes the customers annual water cost over the year and decreases some of the summer spike in their bills." In my opinion this is just playing a numbers game and total ignores the fact the basic water rate would be increased by 138%. The yearly basic cost would increase from \$252.00 to \$600.00. I can live with the "summer spike" in the current billing. In my opinion the proposed monthly basic rate increase is excessive.

I understand that any business needs to be profitable, but I have to question if this proposed rate increase is a direct result of Diamond Bar Water Company expanding water service to Boekel Estates Subdivision in year 2004.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
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