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To Whom It May Concern:

I have some major issues with the above Rate Case handout at the Idaho Falls Workshop on the Falls Water Rate Increase Proposal.

We live in Cloverdale Estates. These homes and facilities were built in the 1970's to the existing home construction codes and Bonneville County Ordinances at that time. There is no realistic or fair way to make Cloverdale Estates homeowners conform to new codes and Bonneville County Ordinances and the supposed cost increases there from to Falls Water Company.

We that live in Cloverdale Estates were not consulted about being surrounded by all new housing sections with new home construction codes and new Bonneville County Ordinances for new housing.

It is simply not fair or equitable for the people residing in Cloverdale Estates to be expected to or forced to pay for that which we did not bring upon ourselves, but which was brought about by new construction that surrounds Cloverdale Estates by at least 270 degrees.

My wife and I moved into Cloverdale Estates in '83. When we moved out here there were no homes south of 1st Street and east of the Idaho RR track. Now there is housing built and more being built south of 1st Street to 17th Street and east of the Idaho RR track to Crawley Rd (45th E), roughly one square mile of new housing. There is high price housing built and being built on the east side of Crawley Rd (45th E), directly east of Cloverdale Estates. When we moved into Cloverdale in '83, Cloverdale the area just west of the Idaho

RR track and Mobile Home Estates consisted of about ½ of 1 square mile. Now housing is built and being built to encompass the other ½ o 1 square mile north to Lincoln Rd and from Crawley Rd (45th E) west to Ammon Rd. More housing is being built north of Lincoln Rd from Crawley Rd (45th E) west to Ammon Rd.

All of this new housing since we moved into Cloverdale Estates in '83 is causing the alleged water shortage and higher rates. That plus Falls Water wants or desires to include all old housing under the new rules for construction of new housing in Bonneville County.

The people in the housing that existed prior to all of this new construction should be grandfathered out of this proposal and every new house built and sold in the areas under construction should be charged very large to extremely large or even exorbitant hookup fees to alleviate the cash flow problem of Falls Water Company.

Falls Water Company's proposed R-1 rates certainly must be a misprint. During the summer with (higher usage for lawn watering) allowable of only 8,000 gal and winter with (very much lower usage) with an allowable of 15,000 gal. makes absolutely no sense. This concept is at least 180° out of reality. How can anyone validate low water allowable during the summer when water usage is highest and more than twice that allowable in the winter when water usage is far less than in the summer. Their stated water usage patterns do not substantiate the skewed rate proposals.

Irrigation from source other than domestic water system - this is a complete impossibility in Cloverdale Estates. Legislation of July 2005 encourages use of surface water for new construction. There are two problems with this: [1] There is no water catchments in Cloverdale Estates [2] Legislation encourages - but does not demand or mandate that all older housing properties be retrofitted to new desires, rules and codes of construction.

Sincerely

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