

Jean Jewell

From: richard@rjtaylorconstruction.net
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2012 3:59 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Richard Taylor follows:

Case Number: fls-w-12-1
Name: Richard Taylor
Address: 3668 E Spectrum Dr.
City: Idaho Falls
State: Idaho
Zip: 83401
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: richard@rjtaylorconstruction.net Name of Utility Company: Falls Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have looked over this application to increase our water rates and I think that the way that they stated it in the letter that came in the mail is deciding. They make it sound like we are only getting a 26% increase which is huge any ways but they didn't mention anything about changing the base charge from 12000 gallons to 5000 gallons. They are just hoping that people won't look into it. In looking over the financial information that was provided I feel like there is some horrible spending habits. On line 33 it says property rental of 49,696. If that is truly what they are paying to be in that building every year they need to look for another piece of property. I know there there is a building in the same development for sale for only \$200,000. At the amount they are paying now they could own there own building in a few years. I think there are some places to save some money. It makes me mad when these utility companies think that they need more money they can just go to the patrons and expect us to pay it. I can tell you that in my house hold there has not been a pay increase in years and there won't be one in the years to come so where do I go to get the money to pay them. I can't just pass it on down the line. I can't just send out a price increase to my employer and expect more money. I have to adjust my budget and make changes. That is why I bring up the building. They could go lease or buy another building for half the about that they are spending now. Lets cut some of the waste and see where where we can save rather than just passing on huge increase to the people that keep us in business.

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From: Christytaylor@cableone.net
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2012 5:16 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
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A Comment from Tory follows:

Case Number: FLS-W-12-1
Name: Tory
Address: Taylor
City: Idaho falls
State: Id
Zip: 83401
Daytime Telephone: 680-3301
Contact E-Mail: Christytaylor@cableone.net Name of Utility Company: Falls water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to formally submit my opposition to falls waters request for a rate increase. There are several questions that I believe need to be clarified. First, is use of current funding. After a quick review of the financial statements it appears that there is a large portion of the funds being used for equipment and building rental. Are those services being obtained at current market rates? Also, would the public be better serviced by putting those services out public bid. Secondly, Employee salaries and benefits; is there a way to cut in those areas and still maintain jobs? If there is truly a deficit occurring from year to year. As patrons our expectation is that management will make every effort to manage the company more efficiently before resorting to price increases.

As it stands the current application does not address proper use of funds

The other item that absolutely needs to be presented to the public before this rate increase is passed is a correct representation of the actual price increase. The price increase should be presented not only as a product of the percentage increase but also as a product of the reduction in the base gallons allowed per month. This calculation should be presented as an average during peak summer months and nonpeak winter months. The application for price increase is very vague and uninformative.

Please keep in mind that most patrons are living pay check to pay and with the increases that we are seeing in power, fuel, and natural gas adding simply adding to the burden is unconscionable.

Respectfully
Tory Taylor

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