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From: douwgibby@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 11:45 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from Douglas Gibby follows:

Case Number: Case Number: ISL-W-08-01
Name: Douglas Gibby
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City: Brigham City
State: Utah
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Home Telephone: 435-723-8339
Contact E-Mail: douwgibby@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Island Park Water Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

I have received notice of a proposed 224% rate increase. Scuh a large increase is foolish when the government and we people are trying to control runaway inflation. There are users that are watering lawns for which the system was not set up for. Please do what you can to reality to this request.

Our property taxes have more than doubled in the last few years. This makes owning a cabin on a fixed retirement income dificult. If the esculations keeps up, only people from California will be able to enjoy Island Park.

Sincerly Douglas Gibby

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From: npfreeman100@juno.com
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 8:40 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from Nolan & Pat Freeman follows:

Case Number: Open Water Cases/IP Water Co, Inc.
Name: Nolan & Pat Freeman
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City: Firth
State: ID
Zip: 83236
Home Telephone: 208 785 3588
Contact E-Mail: npfreeman100@juno.com
Name of Utility Company: Island Park Water Company, Inc.
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners

In regard to the application filed by the Island Park Water Company to the IPUC proposing approval of a 224% rate increase for residential service, we appeal to the Commission to reject the request for the following reasons:

*Most of the residents in the area served by the Island Park Water Company are in residence only part time. Our own time spent is less than 45 days of the year, as are nearly all the other residents on Kickapoo Lane. There are two full-time residents on our well and we feel it's not fair for part-time families to pay the same price for water that the full-time families pay.

*We propose that in order to make the water fee more equitable, that water meters be installed or users be required to declare and prove their part-time or full-time residency.

*Over the years we've paid the annual water fee, but have seen little action as far as maintenance, upgrading, etc., to the well on Kickapoo Lane. That matter and where all the moneys have gone was brought before the meeting last year with IPUC representatives, David Benton, and interested residents who are served by the IP Water Company. Mr. Benton's only answer was a smug expression.

*A few years ago, the old water line was dug up and replaced at a deeper level by some of the residents on Kickapoo Lane, at our own expense. We have no assurance that the proposed 224% rate increase will be used to improve the water system!

*Mr. Benton has been approached but has declined the request by Kickapoo Lane residents to either allow us to purchase the well or have it turned over to us, since he has declared that he wants out of the business of owning the water company. We would not want to purchase the entire system--just the well on Kickapoo Lane. Possibly other neighborhoods served by the company would be willing to purchase the wells their areas are served by.

We hope you will give careful consideration to our thoughts and opinions regarding the proposed rate increase for users of Island Park Water Company.

Thank you.

Nolan and Pat Freeman
Kickapoo Lane, Island Park
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Phone: 208-785-3588

copy to Mr. David Benton, Island Park Water Company

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