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RE Amendment to Morning View Water Co. Rate Case

Dear Ms. Jean Jewel

Morning View Water Company requests that the rate increase case # MNV-W-16-01 be reviewed and changed to include costs of application, preparation for and response during the case.

You know from the long forms and intense questions asked of us, that there has been no financial compensation for the hundreds of hours put into this rate case, including three and one half days of audit, extensive verbal and written required response two public hearings etc. To leave out these hours and expenses is to not fully comprehend what it takes to run a small water company. Surely you have statistics that would allow your commission to prepare a standard formula and allowance calculating costs.

We know that other water companies are reimbursed to pay expensive consultants and lawyers to do this work. In fact in your instructions for small water companies, you recommend hiring a lawyer. We have been unable to do this given the dire straights of our company economically. The current audit has failed to address this. Our bookkeeper has not been reimbursed for his herculean efforts.

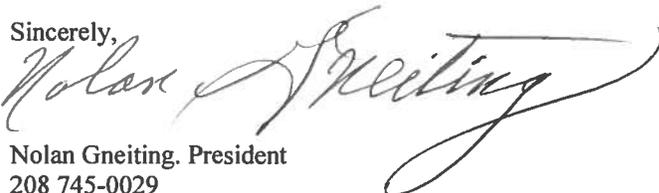
Your auditors have recommended that we begin preparing another rate case soon after this current one is concluded saying it is "hard to get it right the first time." This indicates that we will need funds to pay for the costs anticipated so we can always be on top of the requirements of your requests year after year. It appears that this is an ongoing reality for all small water companies. Yet the audit is suggesting that Morning View Water Company actually needs to cut the bookkeeper's contribution.

Your initial rate case instructions state that it is almost impossible for small water companies to have the funds or ability to do this work. We have done an adequate job but as a hardship. We are asking the commission to address this with the current case and not tie our hands to failure and mediocrity when we have come so far in compliance and service to our customers. We ask a decent return after having lost thousands of dollars over the years.

This problem is not only Morning View Water Company's, but is endemic to all small water companies throughout the state. It seems that approving this amendment to us and providing a solution for all small water companies throughout the state, who are floundering under these cases, will address and solve a real ongoing problem.

Please take action and come up with a financial formula for all of us. We know you have the data and resources to make things right for small water companies.

Sincerely,



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