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Case: RES-W-04-01
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Company: Resort Water Company
mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: We have just received notice of Resort Water Company's request for an 88% rate increase at Schweitzer Mountain Resort. While no one wants to see price increase, this is rediculous and quite typical of the owners, Harbor Properties. They are attempting to gouge the consumer due to their monopoly position. This increase will result in a further degradation of services and consumer involvement due to the hostile enviroment this utility is creating. The increase in unwarranted due to the limited demand for water and their continuing over-charging for all services. Contrary to their claims, they are very profitable as a whole.

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Case: RES-W-04-01
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Company: Mountain Utility Company d/b/a Resort Water Compan

mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: I own a townhouse at the Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort. I received notice of the Resort Water Company's application for a rate increase of 88%. Resort Water Company reports that it is not making money at the current charge of \$33.00 per month. The Mountain Utility Company, of which Resort Water Company is one part, has dramatically raised rates on snow plowing, sewer and cable in the last 3 years, while eliminating garbage pickup and establishing cost sharing with Bonner County for the snow plowing and roads.

The Utility Company has a monopoly on all utility services at Schweitzer, with the exception of telephone service. Most of the properties at Schweitzer sit vacant for 6 or more months during the year, thereby placing absolutely no strain on the utility services and insuring a maximum profit for the Utility Company. I find it impossible to believe the Mountain Utility Company is not making a profit. A rate increase of 88% would be a windfall for the Mountain Utility Company. I oppose any rate increase.

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