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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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I would like to voice my support for the merger of the Happy Valley Water System with the Stone Ridge system. As a user on the HVR water system for 7 years, we have experienced less than satisfactory water & in some cases service. I feel that this is strongly in the best interest of HVR users. As a member of the HVR water Board, we presented the proposal of a merger last December. Of the users that attended & voted, we had an 82.7% vote in favor of the merger. This is a substantial majority. Our system is quite limited, with only one well, limited reserve, & needing considerable upgrades. Thank you for considering this response.

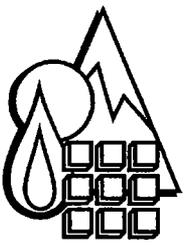
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Blanchard, ID 83804



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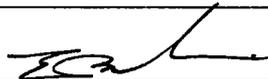
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THE H.V.R./STONERIDGE MERGER WOULD BE AN
OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER QUALITY
OF WATER AND SERVICE FOR THE USERS IN H.R.V.
AS LONG AS THE WATER BILL STAYS AS QUOTED BY
STONERIDGE, MOST EVERYONE WILL BE PLEASED.

AS PRESENTED, THIS IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION!
PLEASE NOTE THE LACK OF H.R.V. USERS AT THIS
WORKSHOP. IN DECEMBER, 2002, A VOTE WAS TAKEN
ON THE STONERIDGE/H.R.V. MERGER WITH A
PERCENTAGE OF 80+ IN FAVOR FOR.

THANK YOU

Print Name ED BALALI

Sign Name 

Address Box 279

Phone Number 437-0258

53 SHORT DR. BLANCHARD.

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In the matter of the application of CDS Stoneridge Utilities LLC for approval of an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity to interconnect with and acquire the service territory of Happy Valley Ranchos Inc. and to implement a surcharge.

Because the water quality of Stoneridge water system is much better than H.V.R., My wife, Margaret and I, Kenneth Cranor vote for the above matter - case NO SWS - W - 03 - 1

Also the cost of water will be about the same, as H.V.R. water rates go up ^{to} \$9.00 a month on ~~July~~ ^{JUNE} 1 - 03 to \$29 a month.

Stoneridge rates are to be about 30 to 33 dollars a month.

P.O. Box 164
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Kenneth E Cranor
Margaret Cranor
S-50 - H.V.R.

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2003 10:08 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, June 27, 2003
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Company: Inland Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I understand that we need to comment on our water situation. I am looking forward to getting our water from the same source as Stoneridge. There's been too much argueing, etc. in the Happy Valley Water Assoc. and everyone is tiring of it. Also, I understand that the pipes are quite old and need repair often. It would be good to have someone else handle the whole situation. That's it. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 1:20 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, June 26, 2003
12:20:17 AM

Case: SWS-W-03-1
Name: Kathi Malakowsky
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City: Blanchard
State: ID
ZIP: 83804
Home_Telephone: 208-437-2000
E-Mail: junkginkat@surfl.ws
Company: CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am requesting that a hearing be called in the matter of, H.V.R.W., Inc. merging with Stoneridge Utilities. After reviewing the Application that was submitted for your consideration, I found it to be one-sided. Only one plan was submitted and this being the most costly. The first engineer's estimate of probable cost, Assuming 2002 construction was \$137,400.00 (with pumphouse). The one submitted to you was \$202,300.00. The difference is items were added that I believe are not necessary. Eight (8) fire hydrant installations in the amount of \$2,250.00 each total \$18,000.00. Small and large blowoffs in the amount of \$1,500.00. What tanks are they talking about that need to be recoated, that cost being \$5,500.00. The additional storage tanks-3,000 gal. have been paid for including final engineer plans, the current Board has not install them for reasons not explained to the water users. The money coming from the current loan that was secured for upgrades to H.V.R. water system. What concerns me is the current plan is to be hook-up to Stoneridges 10,000 gallon tank. This tank is over 30 years old, and has been clean once, as far as I know. Stoneridge's engineer has said that hooking up to H.V.R. system directly would be more costly because of the amount of pipe that would be needed. Stoneridge is only going to use what equipment they want with anything not use will remain H.V.R.W., Inc. property. How can this be, as I understand it if H.V.R.W., Inc. merges with Stoneridge Utility H.V.R.W., Inc. will be no longer. What happens to the two (2) new clean well just installed not more than 5 years ago and all other equipment that won't be utilized. I believe hooking up to H.V.R.W., Inc. current system would cost less and with hooking directly to a well H.V.R.W., Inc. users would get the quality water that they desire. Also the cost per user is calculated on the amount of 90, where did this come from? There are 121 lots in Happy Valley Ranchos. Each lot can hook-up to the water system. I believe H.V.R.W., Inc. should hook-up with Stoneridge Utility, this would put the system in the hands of professionals and it would be overseen by you. With not having a location for a backup well and for many other reasons this merger is in the best interest for all. I believe the cost of this merger is way to high, and will put a hardship for low income folks and the fixed income people. Please look into the cost, I believe it could be lower. I look forward to hereing from you.

Sincerly,
Kathi Malakowsky

6-25-03

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