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Case No. BIT-W-05-1

Athol, Idaho  
November 2, 2005

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BITTER ROOT WATER HAS NOT SHOWN A JUSTIFICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE. IT IS INSANE THAT A SMALL SUBDIVISION (SILVER MEADOWS) HAVE THE HIGHEST WATER RATE IN KOOTENAI COUNTY. ESPECIALLY, SINCE ALL WATER IS FROM THE AQUIFER. THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT WORK TO JUSTIFY AN EXPENDITURE FOR A BACKFLOW IN SILVER MEADOWS. (MIN 50,000) THIS WOULD BE A GROSS MISMANAGEMENT OF RATE PAYER'S MONEY. RENT ONE AS REQUIRED. BIRWAY SW WATER CO. HAS APPROX 40 CUSTOMERS AND THEY HAVE A CASH SURPLUS. THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT RATE FOR EXCESSIVE WATER USE. PERHAPS BITTER ROOT NEEDS TO REORGANIZE ITSELF. WHEN THE STATE AUDITORS COME IN, I HOPE THEY ARE THOROUGH. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SHOW THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IS LUDICROUS, I.E. JOHN RICKEL OF BITTER ROOT BUYING WATER FROM RICKEL THE RICKEL WATER CO. THEY ARE ALL RELATED.

Print Name JOHN L. CALVERT

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City and State Athol, ID 83501

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2005 11:44 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, November 14, 2005  
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Case: BIT-W-05-1  
Name: Kurt Pavlat  
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Company: Bitterroot Water Co., Inc.  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes  
Comment\_description: Dear Commissioners:

The issues that I commented on in my initial correspondence to you via the U.S. Postal Service still stand.

There certainly is a case for a modest rate increase by Bitterroot though not the outrageous 125% increase that Bitterroot is asking for. Bitterroot states that this rate increase is based primarily on the rising energy costs for pump operation. The data that Bitterroot submitted does not bear this out. Rather, it was the costs associated with capital improvements and maintenance that is the basis for Bitterroot's case for a rate increase, not rising energy costs. I believe that Bitterroot did not honestly portray their case to the Commission, nor their customers.

Therefore, a modest rate increase based on an annual energy cost increase of approximately 6% and therefore a one-time adjustment to customers at this time of 25 - 40% would be reasonable.

Sincerely,  
Kurt Pavlat

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WWW Form Submission:

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Case: bit-w-05-01  
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Company: bitterroot water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: Bitterroot water is trying to increase rates from 20.00 to 45.00 per month, thats more then twice what is was. With all the recent increases working people are facing with fuel costs natural gas costs, and just general cost of living going through the roof, i think it's a lot to ask of us.

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