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Subject: Case Comment Form: L. Lutz

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Name of Utility Company: Diamond Bar Water

Comment: I am writing this note in response to Case No. DIA-W-15-1. This is my opinion only and not that of the housing development. I appreciate the opportunity to share my questions. And I also believe there is a more equitable and reasonable rate increase that could be proposed based on the lower cost ground water source, the two tier pricing based on usage and the fixed staff.

I would also like to request an implementation delay and am in favor of a public hearing due to the proposed 79% increase.

These questions are being submitted due to the shortened comment period. Further clarification on the application would be appreciated.

- o How does the proposed increase relate to the national reported CPI for the last 8 years?
- o The proposed increase in labor costs (\$2000 to \$4000 - 50-75% increase) without an increase in services, how does it compare to the national labor cost increases over the last 8 years?
- o If this last year's expenses related to pump failures is being requested to be recouped, is a temporary surcharge a consideration versus a permanent increase?
- o The pump at one time, received its electric power from Kootenai Electric Cooperative. The application indicates an increase in electric costs. A request for KEC to raise rates was unavailable for review on the PUC website. I'm unclear on what is meant by the statement indicating electric rate increases recently occurred.
- o The increase results in an appearance that Diamond Bar has one of the highest water costs in relation to other area water companies. For example (taken from websites), Bar Circle S – up to 7500 gallons is \$27.43. Ohio Match Water - \$1.20 per 1000 gallons and East Shoshone County Water District - \$41.00 month. Further clarification on why the disparity would be appreciated.
- o Diamond Bar water is expanding their service (approved in 2004 but the development just began building) to Boekel Estates. Does this have an impact on the current request?
- o The cost of testing is also noted in the application. Is this related to the cost of performing the tests from the labs perspective or a management cost related to a large number of tests that are required this year? A list of the tests to be performed over the last several years was obtained from the DEQ Public Drinking Water System Monitoring Schedule Report.

Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: Diamond Bar Estates Water Company

Comment: Re Case Number DIA-W-15-01 The Requested Rate increase of 79.9 Percent is Absurd! My Wife and I are Retired on SS and Received No Raise This Year! Nor Did We Receive a Raise Several Years ago. In the Summer Our Bills Run Over \$100.00 Just to Water Our Lawn and and as High as \$125.00 Already! Why Can't The Water Company Raise Smaller Amounts over Say 3 Year Periods! There Is No Justification for a 79.9 Percent Raise in Rates. I would Closely Inspect their So Called Losses! Please Have a Public Meeting! We Do Not Live in Diamond Bar but are On Their Water System in Boekel Estates. There are Two New Hookups That have Just Been Added in Boekel Estates and at Least Another Hook up This Coming Spring The Lots are Selling Now in Boekel Estates and More Water Hookups Will Be Coming If Anything That Should Add to The Income of Diamond Bar Water Company! Please do Not Rubber Stamp this Increase. I have Talked to Many of the Diamond Bar Customers and A Lot of them Also are on Retired on Fixed Income's. Thank Your For Your Time Bryce and Sandra Wells

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