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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: Surcharge Comment Letter, Docket #UW-081416

I object to the purpose of this surcharge. No notification was given to Diamond Point customers prior to the filing of the rate increase with Utilities Commission. We had been told by Aquarius in a public meeting with Dept. of Health staff in attendance that the proposed surcharge would be for pipe replacement with Diamond Point being given priority. Instead it now is to cover storage tanks.

The reasons for the loan and where the monies will be spent do not appear to be any type of emergency to bypass the required procedures. This surcharge does not improve service to consumers. There is no logic in replacing tanks when the stated reason is to protect poor pipe systems.

This surcharge as it is written would result in Diamond Point consumers paying an extra \$8.60 per month base rate for 19 years and we would still have our worn out and leaking pipe system.

Thank You,

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P.S. I am told that until the two and three inch worn out pipes are replaced with pipes that meet code we cannot get functioning fire hydrants. There is only one access to Diamond Point. We desperately need fire hydrants.

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