Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia. WA 98504-7250

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Regarding Aquarius Utilities, LLC, #UW-081416.

We have over 30 years of experience with Aquarius Utilities LLC – so we really appreciate your recent audit of their books and especially your action on our behalf. We do not support their request for a surcharge to simply replace storage tanks.

Quite frankly, there is no way an \$8.00/mo surcharge will make a dent in the deficiencies inherent in the D. P. Water system. Examples follow:

- 1. The most pressing problem is the deteriorating distribution system. Water loss now approaches 20 percent. It is both an operating and a consumer cost, as well as, a waste of a state resource.
- 2. The wells are located in the northern fringe area of the Miller Peninsula aquifer.
- 3. The storage tanks include a concrete silo and an obsolete steel tank. The silo is prone to contamination and the steel tank is unsuitable for an earth quake zone.
- 4. Finally, an example of efficiency at Aquarius Utilities, LLC. At Aquarius meter readers have a driver.

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