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Subject: RE: Fw: Petition Opposing Water Rate Increase

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>Subject: Fw: Petition Opposing Water Rate Increase
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>Concerned Citizens of Greater Diamond Point Petition Docket UW-080926 May
>23, 2008 Notice of Rate Increase
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>Concerned Citizens of Greater Diamond Point Docket UW-080926 May 23, 2008
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>Petition Opposing rate increase
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>Please join us in contesting the proposed rate increase by Aquarius
>Utilities. Print, sign and return this email to or mail/deliver to Barb
>Money at 10 Eagles Rest Lane. Barb will collect and provide the signed
>petitions to the WUTC. Barb's phone number is 360-681-3851. Help a neighbor
>without a computer and print an extra copy for him/her.
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>Concerned Citizens of Greater Diamond Point do not approve the proposed
>rate increase on 2 key points:
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> 1. We object to the rate increase until the AU submitted rate related
>expenditures are audited by the Concerned Citizens of Greater Diamond
>Point.
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>2. Withhold rate approvals until all conditions are met.
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>(a) CCoGDP or the regulatory agencies should not give up the only leverage,
>money, while important issues are unresolved. Aquarius mislead readers of
>the DWSRF Loan applications about having negotiated a Franchise Agreement
>with Clallam County when it had not. Clallam County sent Aquarius a notice
>that failure to comply with a new Clallam County Franchise Agreement to the
>County Prosecutor May 29th, 2008. Clallam County had excused past dues of
>\$12,000 for Aquarius and it's customers between 2000 and 2008.
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>(b) Aquarius failed to obtain a rate increase from the WUTC by the June
>4th, 2008 due date as a condition for approval by the Public Works Board
>(PWB) on the four new 2008 DWSRF Loan requests. The PWB Staff are
>recommending an extension of another 3 months to their Board of
>Commissioner meeting on June 3rd, 2008.

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- >(c) The Eagles Rest residents and AU agreement to fix continued drainage on
>their properties remains unresolved.
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- >(d) The proposed DP tank upgrades exceed earlier agreed upon scope.
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- >(e) Collaborative scope/design of the DP upgrade, ultimately CCoGDP had to
>involve a lawyer requesting information.
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- >In addition, can the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
>explain the advantage of its Single Rate Tariff as applied to Diamond Point
>residents? Why isn't a balance or check point included in the single rate
>principle, to prevent the punitive rates we are continuing to experience. A
>previous meeting at the WUTC held 2003, was not concluded satisfactorially,
>although we were assured that the rates increases would balance out with
>the increase in new customers. Doesn't the WUTC have a legal responsibility
>to ensure a fair and balanced implementation for all customers?
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- >To add insult to injury, AU proposes a 1.6M\$ pipe replacement project for
>DP, to be funded via a surcharge. At \$5/month per customer, AU claims an
>annual budget of \$50,000 for incremental implementation. Thats is a total
>project duration of 32 years!!! Why would the WUTC even consider such a
>cash stream? We will have to live with torn up streets for 32 years.
>Neither AU or DP customers will be alive by then. This is totally
>unacceptable, all of DP suffering and paying for AU's failure to execute 2
>funded projects in a timely fashion. CCoGDP considers this proposal a
>reward for extremely poor management and it is highly unlikely that such a
>surcharge can be colleted without extreme protestation by the community.
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- >1. We object to the rate increase until the AU submitted rate related
>expenditures are reviewed by Concerned Citizens of Greater Diamond Point.
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- >2. Withhold rate approvals until all conditions are met.
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- >I do concur and wish to have my complaint filed with the Washington
>Utilities and Transportation Commission.
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- >Signed; _____ No signature required
>if returned by e-mail
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