

COMMENT FORM FOR: LEE GOODWIN - ID# 3009

Consumer Information	
Confidential Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Name	LEE GOODWIN
Organization Company	
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Contact Method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None
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Comment Information	
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Filing Support	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Undecided
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Public Involvement Lead	John Cupp
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Description As one of the Orcas Highlands water customers (and as one of our Association's board members) I understand your initial hearing will take place on May 23. That's wholly unreasonable, since it doesn't allow us respondents time to ascertain and understand the facts Rosario Utilities (RU) are basing their filing on. So far we've been provided by RU only some spreadsheets which are not adequately explained, and thus impossible for us to understand the assumptions and cost data they're using.

We understand they intend to include some prior Capital Costs in "Operating Costs", including some unrecovered capital expense from the earlier Treatment Plant \$1 Million loan that was covered in the 1999 filing and was mentioned in your Jun 26, 2002 staff report (Docket UW-020307) as having been calculated to be fully recovered by the Facilities Charge and 7-year Surcharge of \$22/month for all users which expired this past February. RU have never given us a breakdown of how much of that \$1M loan was not repaid nor why (bearing in mind you felt the additional revenue the past 7 years was sufficient to fully repay it), and we have no confidence that what they're apparently now claiming in that regard is correct and reasonable. We don't yet have sufficient information and explanation to study it. It's thus impossible for our large group of user/respondents to raise intelligent questions, and it seems unjust for us users to be railroaded by unreasonably short submission deadlines.

Many of our users are traveling and out of town this week, and have had no time to begin to grasp the ramifications, particularly since the Filing is a part of RU's intended sale of the Water System and water rights to WA. Water Service Corp, which in itself presents many unanswered questions and risks to us with a new (no doubt vastly higher) Capital Cost base.

I request that the WUTC:

- please arrange your hearing on Orcas Island, so that affected users can properly respond. I believe that our 3 groups of customers would gladly pay the travel costs of commissioners and staff to come and do it here, which I understand was done in 2002 and worked out well.

- direct RU to distribute to us customers a full and complete explanation of their costs which should be borne by residential customers, and why they propose folding "unrecovered" prior loan capital cost and future cap costs into ongoing operating costs. We are very concerned that large Rosario Resort capital costs relating to the Resort Master Plan expansion, both in this planning-stage and future, are not somehow shoveled over into water system costs to be paid by us residential users, but which should rightfully be absorbed by the Resort owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee B. Goodwin

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Eastsound, WA. 98245

Attachments



Docket UW-070944 Rosario Utilities Rate filing.htm

Follow-Up Information		Other Follow-Up Information	
Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Other Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Follow-Up Staff		Other Follow-Up Staff	
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Issue Information	
Issue ID	169
Company	Rosario Utilities, Llc
Filing	070944
Staff	Jim Ward

Complaint Information	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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