

September 20, 2007

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Re: Rosario Utilities – Rate Case (UW-070944) and Transfer to Washington Water Service (UW-071357)

Dear Chairman Sidran, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Oshie,

The following rate proposal was developed jointly by the Orcas Highlands Homeowners Association, the Rosario Property Owners Association and Vusario Homeowners Association. It was provided by our consultant Herta Fairbanks to your staff member, Jim Ward on September 18, 2007. Please, in the framework of fairness to the ratepayers in the Rosario Utility User's Area, allow this plan that treats **ALL RESIDENCES EQUALLY** to be adopted by your Commission.

1. That the base rate for all $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meters be \$36/mo
2. That the rate for ready to serve customers be \$22/mo
3. That the usage blocks be set as follows:
 - 1-8,000 gallons/mo
 - 8,001-15,000gallons/mo
 - 15,001/mo and up and up
4. That Rosario Utilities take over the Highlands water system for \$1 and the Highlands $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meters be charged at the same rate as all the other $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meters.
5. If #4 cannot be achieved, and the Highlands has to retain ownership of their system, that they be billed by their individual $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meters at the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter price and that the Highlands be given \$20 off each individual residence's monthly bill.

Sincerely,



Roland A. Sauer
Board of Directors
Orcas Highlands Homeowners Association