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Comments

In regard to the Rosario Utility case, I have several comments.

- 1) First of all, thank you for changing the rate structure from the ERU to the metered base rate design.
- 2) The proposed rates for the Highlands users is unfair. They should be paying the same rate as Rosario users.
- 3) The \$100,000 price for 10AF of water is unsubstantiated and grossly unfair to ratepayers. The UTC should require Olympus/Orcas Water Holdings to restore at no cost the 100 acre feet water that they took from the 283 acre feet of water that Rosario Utilities showed they owned in the Comprehensive Water Plan 2004-2010. Olympus took 100 acre feet, and then said that Rosario Utilities (ultimately we, the ratepayers) should "buy back" 10 acre feet for \$100,000 (the value of which, I understand, has been determined to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000).
- 4) The cost over-runs and loan balance should be absorbed by Rosario Utilities because of their demonstrated lack of "prudence." At a minimum they should not be allowed to be converted into equity to give the company a higher rate of return.

These last three issues violate the mission statement of the UTC, which says in part that you will "ensure essential consumer protection through fair rates, compliance with service quality and equitable business practice standards, and reliability of delivery systems." Please be true to your mission statement and ensure fare rates for Rosario Utility consumers. Do not let greed prevail.

Thank you.
Betty Barats

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