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Utilities Transportation Commission  
1300 S, Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
PO Box 47250  
Attention Consumer Affairs  
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Harrison Ray Tariff Increase Docket #071771

Commission:

I oppose the proposed rate increase (temporary) as noticed by the commission and Harrison Ray Water Company.

I feel the rate negotiated by the water company and the UTC is not congruent to the needs of the customers, nor has enough consideration been given to the lot size, irrigation needs not provided by the company at development of this residential area.

Homeowners recently experienced a 17% increase in electrical utility rates, and now face a proposed 36% water rate increase with penalty for using "excess water" which is unheard of by any water districts or cities within a 15 mile radius.

As the rate proposal now stands, it is unduly high in comparing rates local to our area.

I would again ask that the UTC deny this request and hold open public meeting locally with the residents of this water district and for evaluation.

Thank you.

Name:

Printed Name:

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