

COMMENT FORM FOR: **CLYDE EAGLETON** - ID# 3020

Consumer Information	
Confidential Comment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Contact Method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None
Name	CLYDE EAGLETON
Organization Company	
Address	[REDACTED]
City, State, Zip Code	EAST SOUND WASHINGTON 98245
Email	[REDACTED]
Primary Phone #	[REDACTED] Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
Theme	Cost of Living, Drastic Increase, Fixed Income, Low Income, Senior Citizen
Open Date	05/18/2007
Filing Support	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Undecided
Source	<input type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input checked="" type="radio"/> Phone <input type="radio"/> Web
Closed Date	
Web Create Date	
Public Involvement Lead	John Cupp
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Mr is sending in a letter to attach to this comment. Mr is not in support of this proposed increase, stating it is too much to ask customers to pay a 62% increase in usage charges. Mr requests the UTC hold the meeting on the Island near the customers and allow more time before the meeting, that there was too short of notice provided to the customers. Mr states he is living on a limited and fixed income and he simply can not afford such a rate increase.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>We have had very little time to review information received from Rosario- they have not been exceedingly forthcoming- and many of us have been away recently. I think the rate raise could be described as substantial, and wonder how it ties in with the anticipated sale to Washington Water Service, which historically raises its rates every 2-3 years. There are very real questions about how Rosario Utilities have kept their books, possible commingling of resort and residential costs, treatment of capital improvements.</p> <p>I am not a water expert, but I know that 12% increase will seriously impact people on fixed income, so it seems important make sure it is justified; we're still trying to gather this information. There are cost overrun questions I don't have clear answers to yet.</p>

The utility is being sold, but the water rights apparently remain with the resort owners. We have just finished paying off a new processing plant. But if the intended sale goes through, that plant will have to be replaced or greatly enlarged. There is talk of a one hundred million dollar development. That's a serious capital improvement. Who will pay for the facility?

Second comment, 6/4/07, 5:02pm

I live in Orcas Highlands, and was involved in the previous dispute with Rosario. I am not an accountant, nor am I expert in the arcane world of water in the far west. I have read the information provided by the Highlands Board and the Rosario Property Owners, and am in complete agreement with their concerns. I am very troubled by the Bulk User Discount, which does not seem equitable at all. I am very troubled by the brief notice we received from Rosario, as well as the difficulty we have had in acquiring information the should have been forthcoming long ago. I am sure you will give our concerns the serious considerations they deserve.

With sincere thanks for your consideration, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Attachments

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	
Follow-Up Complete	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

Issue Information	
Issue ID	169
Company	Rosario Utilities, Llc
Filing	070944
Staff	Jim Ward

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

Activites For Clyde Eagleton