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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Commissioners Goltz, Oshie, and Jones
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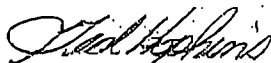
RE: Deer Meadows Water Company, Inc.

Dear Commissioners Goltz, Oshie, and Jones,

It has come to my attention that the Deer Meadows Water Company has again requested a significant increase in the rate that they charge their customers. If that request were to be approved, the economic impact to that region of the county would be severely impacted. The owners of the golf course, the restaurant and the hotel all indicate that if this increase is approved, they will be out of business. I'm requesting that you as commissioners look hard at the increase that has been requested and think about the economic impact that will result if such a huge increase were to be approved. I know that you are aware that right now the national economy is suffering greatly and Eastern Washington certainly is no exception. Further, most of the people who live in Deer Meadows are retired folks who are on a fixed income and the impact to them will be extreme!

I apologize if this letter is submitted after the official comment period, but this issue has just come to my attention and I feel strongly that the requested increase is beyond that which is needed or can be justified.

Respectfully,



Ted Hopkins
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