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Subject: Docket UW-110436 /Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc.

RE: Docket UW-110436 /Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc. request for \$165,059 in reimbursements

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Dear Commissioners:

On March 7, 2014, Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc. [OWSI] notified their customers that they were seeking approval from WUTC to “temporarily increase annual revenue an average of \$52,124.80 for the next three years,” [totals \$165,059].

This increase is to cover OWSI’s cost for attempting to drill a new water well on a “*property known to be toxic*.” Surprisingly, on the second day of drilling, it was discovered that the well was extremely toxic and the project was abandoned. Now OWSI wants it’s customers to reimburse them for that cost.

OWSI management and Port Ludlow Associates [PLA] knew, or should have known, that the site was toxic. The purchase and sales documents between PLA, OWSI and Pope Resources should be very enlightening.

The bottom line is that OWSI customers should not be responsible for reimbursing them for a reckless, business decision to drill a new well on a known toxic site.

All attempt to have OWSI customers pay for this predictable and avoidable disaster will be aggressively challenged. I encourage you to carefully evaluate the facts, and do the right thing and protect the interest of OWSI customers from this unjustified expense.

Thank you for your consideration.

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DATE: August 13, 2013

RE: Olympic Water & Sewer [system #68700], Well 17/DOE Toxic Cleanup
FS ID 62223345 / WARM Rank 2, WAC 173-340-530, RCW 70.105D.0409(5)
WAC 173-340-520 (1c)

FROM: Bert Loomis

TO: Rebecca Lawson, Section Manager, Toxics Cleanup Program, DOE

MEMO: Ms. Lawson,

You recently received a letter of concern regarding the above referenced matter, from Jefferson County; please explain what your department is doing to resolve this problem. DOE, Jefferson County, Pope Resources, Port Ludlow Associates and OWSI have been aware of this situation for years and to date no action has been taken.

I do not understand DOE's apparent inability to bring a timely resolution to this serious contamination problem. It is also of concern that these delays may cause the OWSI customers to get stuck with paying for the clean up cost.

I look forward to your response

C: Maia Bellon, Jim Pendowski, Rebecca Lawson,
Scott Rose, and Cris Matthews, DOE & Jefferson County DCD & BOCC