

WALLA WALLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5

"Providing our citizens with quality life and fire safety services since 1953"

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Washington Utilities & **Transportation Commission** P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Harrison-Ray Water Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 5 is the owner of two adjacent properties that are furnished water by the Harrison-Ray Water Company. One is a fire station; the other a training facility. As a rural fire district, increases in the charges for water will place additional pressure on the limited funds the District has to furnish fire protection and emergency medical services to this rural community. The significant increase requested by Harrison-Ray Water Company is unreasonable.

The District also has concerns about Harrison-Ray Water Company's billing practices. Enclosed is a copy of a bill which does not reflect the meter readings and other information required by WUTC rule. The District has been trying to get information regarding that bill for water furnished in August showing a total due of \$1,268.81. A copy of the previous month's bill (July) for \$72.47 is also enclosed. That bill was paid by the District, although the August bill shows a previous balance of \$351.42. Despite assurances that clarification would be made, no information has been received to date showing why the District's bill increased by an amount more than 17 times greater than the previous month and why there is a previous balance showing on the August bill in excess of the total due shown on the July bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our input.

Dan P. Hullyrenn,

District Secretary

DFH:ch Enclosures

CC:

Commissioners

Chief



HARRISON-RAY WATER CO. PO. BOX 2818 PASCO, WA 99302-2818 PHONE (509) 545-1908

PAST DUE IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE 6
DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS SUBJECTED TO PENALTIES 7
SERVICE CHARGES AND DISCONNECTION

UTILITY BILLING

ACCOUNT NUMBER
SERVICE FROM SERVICES OF 08/31/07 08/01/07 PREVIOUS PRESENT USED 109699 Mult Mult

PREV BALANCE

351.42

Water

917.39

Returned Check Fee Reconnect Fee

Please return this stub with payment

Walla Walla Fire #5 460 West Humorist Burbank WA 99323

BAL DUE/EQUAL PAY 1,268.81

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HARRISON BRY WATER CO. P.O. BOX 2818 RET

RETURN SERVICE

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460 W Humorist

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