Formal Complaint Against Harrison Ray Water Company
Filed by Nancy Marquart

156 Teri Road Burbank WA 99323 Walla Walla County

Harrison Ray Account Number

OWNER OF WASH

I am filing this formal complaint against Harrison Ray Water Company due to the noncompliance of Harrison Ray to the requests of the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission on my informal complaint.

The complaint points are:

#### WAC 480-110-375 Form of Bills

- Beginning with the billing for May 2017 usage, which was postmarked July 11, 2017 I have either not received bills or those that I do receive are months late and often reflect a past due amount that was never billed. This precludes me from knowing what the meter readings were for those non-billed months.
- In July 2017 I received the bill for May 2017 usage with a past due amount of \$61.23 for I assume April. The April bill was never received with the meter readings.
- In August 2017 I received a bill for June 2017 usage, which still reflected a past due amount of \$61.23. This bill had a stamp covering the due date and was not postmarked. At this point I paid the June bill and the \$61.23.
- In late October around the 23<sup>rd</sup> I received the bill for August usage showing a previous balance of \$167.41. This amount was never billed to me with the meter readings. This bill is not postmarked and the due date is covered with the stamp but appears to be due either Oct 3, 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> from what little I can read.
- None of the bills identify or show each separate charge as a line item.
- None of the bills show the delinquent date if the bill is not paid.
- Since the August usage I have not received a bill from Harrison Ray even though I know that the meters were read at a minimum once since then. On October 21, 2017 my son saw teenaged boys out by the meter and asked what they were doing on our property. Their response was that they were reading the water meter.

# WAC 480-110-115 Availability of Information

 Beginning in August 2017, due to the billing irregularities, and upon learning that my neighbor was unable to contact Harrison Ray by phone I tried calling several times from my work number and my cell phone. Each time I left messages that I would like a return call about not receiving my bills. I never received a response. RECORDS MANAGEM

I am attaching the bills and my cancelled checks as well as other correspondence I have sent to Harrison Ray. I am also attaching a copy that I received from the UTC on the detail of my informal complaint.

The relief I am requesting is consistent meter readings, consistent invoices and line item detail on those invoices. I am also requesting that Harrison Ray provide valid contact information, as it is very concerning that they can't be reached, especially if there was an emergency.

All my statements and documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge..

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Sincerely,

Nancy Marquart 156 Teri Road

Burbank WA 99323

I may also be reached via phone at 509-544-3522 or email <a href="mailto:nanjmarquart@gmail.com">nanjmarquart@gmail.com</a>

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

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Marquart, Nancy

Burbank WA 99323

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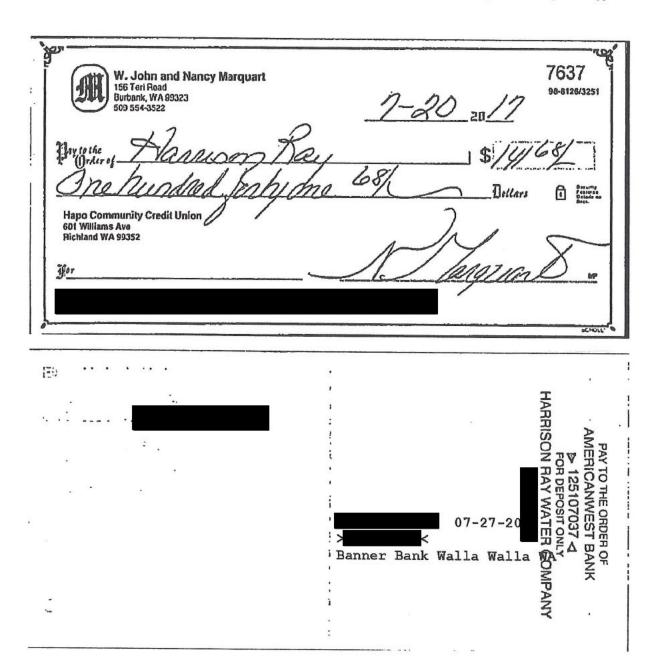
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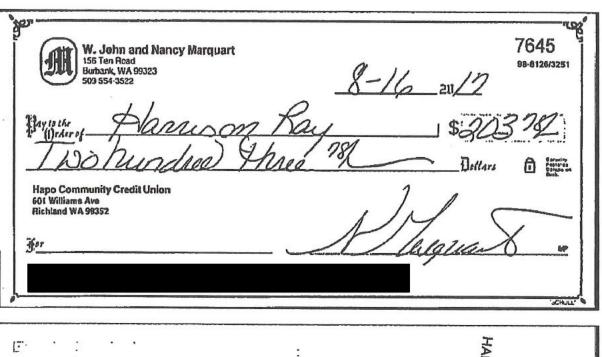
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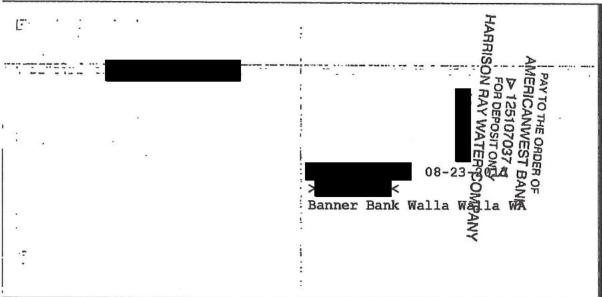
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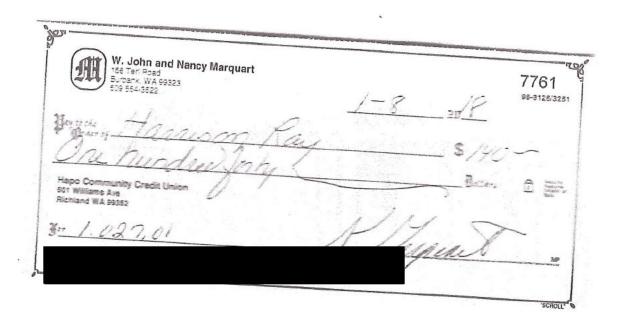
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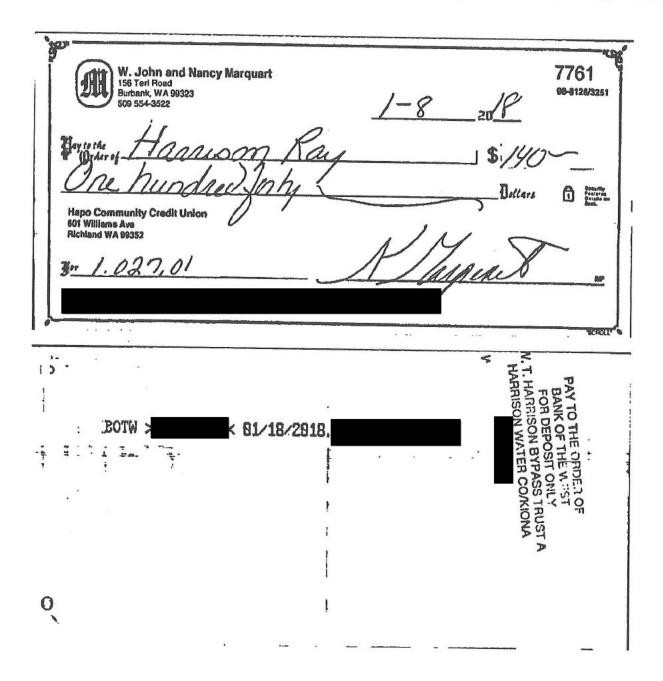
Harrison Ray Water Co PO Box 2818 Pasco WA 99302-2818

Dear Harrison Ray,

Enclosed is a check for \$140.00. I have not received a bill since October which was supposedly August meter read. I know that we used water, but I can't afford to continue to not receive timely billings and then get hit with an astronomical bill because your company isn't sending out invoices. I am paying \$35.00 per month at this point for September, October, November and December.

Nancy Marquart 156 Teri Road Burbank WA 99323 Account





January 23, 2018

Harrison-Ray Water Co. PO Box 2818 Pasco WA 99302-2818

Dear Harrison-Ray,

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$167.41. This is for water usage, I assume for July, because it was showing as a past due on my August bill but I never received the statement nor proof of a meter reading. However I know that amount is indicative of our water usage during that time of year. We still have not received a statement since the August usage statement that was finally in my mailbox at the end of October.

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# UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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December 22, 2017

Nancy Marquart 156 Teri Road Burbank, WA 99323

Re: Consumer complaint CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Dear Nancy Marquart:

Thank you for contacting the Utilities and Transportation Commission. I am responding to your complaint against Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc (Harrison-Ray). I was unable to reach you at the phone number you provided, 509-998-4784.

Harrison-Ray has been non-responsive to the commission's requests for information and documentation. I am unable to proceed with my informal investigation; however, I have recorded violations for the company's non-complaince. I am sorry the Consumer Protection section could not be of more assistance in this case.

The commission is currently reviewing the company's business practices; however, I am providing the information for you to file a formal complaint. If you choose to file a formal complaint, either individually or with your neighbors, you will control the timeline. You can contact our office to request a copy of your complaint file.

Your complaint is now closed. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-888-333-9882, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

Aimee Woods

Consumer Program Specialist

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Dacia,

Please see the attached complaint. The response for this complaint is due 11/6/2017 by 5 p.m.

Regards, Aimee Woods

### Washington UTC Complaint CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Company: Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc.

Customer: Nancy Marquart

Account #:

Contact:

Service Address:

156 Teri Rd

Burbank Washington 99323

Primary Phone: 509-554-3522

Secondary Phone:

Email Address: nanjmarquart@gmail.com

Complaint Information:

Complaint ID: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Serviced By: Aimee Woods

Opened On: 10/30/2017 10:50 AM

Grouped By: Disputed Bill

#### Description:

The customer has not been receiving all of her water bills. She has left several voice messages for Harrison-Ray Water Company requesting copies of her bills; however, she has not received a response. Some of the customer's statements are post-marked months after the services dates shown. Other billing statements are not post-marked at all. There is not a due date or delinquent date on the billing postcards so there is no way to know when a balance is overdue. There is also no tax information shown. The customer disputes the amount she is being charged and believes the company is not reading the meters.

Please send copies of the customer's monthly statement for January through October 2017 with your response.

Sent 11/2/2017 at 2:15 p.m. by email to Harrison-Ray Water Company and about 2:20 p.m. by facsimile. Response due 11/6/2017 by 5 p.m.

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Regards, Aimee Woods

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Regards, Aimee Woods \* \* \* Communication Result Report ( Nov. 15. 2017 9:09AM ) \* \* \*

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Hi Dacia,

Please see attached.

Regards, Aimee Woods Hi Dacia,

Since you have not responded to the commission's requests for information and documentation, we will be closing the informal complaint process at this time. A formal complaint and investigation may follow.

I have recorded the following violations:

Violation: WAC 480-110-315(2) – (1 count): The company failed to notify the commission of changes to its contact information (email and phone number) ten days prior to the effective date.

Violation: WAC 480-110-375(1)(e) – (4 counts): The company failed to include enough information on the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 bills that, together with tariff rates, the customer could calculate her bill(s).

Violation: WAC 480-110-375(1)(f) - (4 counts): The company failed to show the date the bill becomes due or the bill was due within fifteen days after it was mailed for the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 statements.

Violation: WAC 480-110-385(3)(a) – (35 counts): The company failed to investigate and report the results of the complaint to the commission staff within two business days. The request for billing and information was due Nov. 6, 2017. A partial response was received until Nov. 10, 2017; however, the response was incomplete. A complete response had still not been received by the date of this complaint's closing, Dec. 22, 2017. One violation is recorded for each business day.

The explanation of the violations recorded above constitutes technical assistance. Please make, all corrections necessary to ensure future compliance. Repeat violations may result in enforcement action, including monetary penalties. Staff considers a number of factors when recommending penalties, including whether past technical assistance was provided and subsequently followed.

This complaint is now closed. The disposition is Consumer Upheld. Please note that the Consumer Protection section has an internal quality review program and all closed complaints are subject to review and/or re-opening.

The company may request a review of this investigation by Alice Fiman, Consumer Protection Manager. Please clearly note why the company requests a review and I will forward the request. To contact Alice directly, email <u>afiman@utc.wa.gov</u> or call 360-664-1103.

Regards, Aimee \* \* \* Communication Result Report ( Dec. 22. 2017 5:20PM ) \* \* \*

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Regards, Almee Woods

# Washington State Complaint: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Company: Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc.

Industry: Water

**Customer: Nancy Marquart** 

**Alt Contact:** 

Account Number:

Service Phone: 509-554-3522

E-mail Address: nanjmarquart@gmail.com

Service Address: 156 Teri Rd Burbank Walla Walla County Washington 99323

Complaint: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

**Type: Complaint** 

Serviced By: Aimee Woods

Grouped By: Disputed Bill

Opened On: 11/2/2017, 2:15:00 PM

Closed On: 12/22/2017, 5:18:00 PM

Disposition: Consumer upheld

**Violations Total: 44** 

TA Total: 0

**Amount Customer Saved:** 

**Description:** 

The customer has not been receiving all of her water bills. She has left several voice messages for Harrison-Ray Water Company requesting copies of her bills; however, she has not received a response. Some of the customer's statements are post-marked months after the services dates shown. Other billing statements are not post-marked at all. There is not a due date or delinquent date on the billing postcards so there is no way to know when a balance is overdue. There is also no tax information shown. The customer disputes the amount she is being charged and believes the company is not reading the meters.

Please send copies of the customer's monthly statement for January through October 2017 with your response.

Sent 11/2/2017 at 2:15 p.m. by email to Harrison-Ray Water Company and about 2:20 p.m. by facsimile. Response due 11/6/2017 by 5 p.m.

#### Result:

The company was non-responsive to the commission's requests for documents and information. The customer was sent information on how to file a formal complaint. Violations - (44)

### **Violations**

WAC or RCW: 480-110-315(2)

Count: 1

TA:

Description: The company failed to notify the commission of changes to its contact information (email and phone number) ten days prior to the effective date. The company was notified of the violation(s).

WAC or RCW: 480-110-375(1)(e)

Count: 4

TA:

Description: The company failed to include enough information on the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 bills that, together with tariff rates, the customer could calculate her bill(s). The company was notified of the violation(s).

WAC or RCW: 480-110-375(1)(f)

Count: 4

TA:

Description: The company failed to show the date the bill becomes due or the bill was due within fifteen days after it was mailed for the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 statements. The company was notified of the violation(s).

WAC or RCW: 480-110-385(3)(a)

Count: 35

TA:

Description: The company failed to investigate and report the results of the complaint to the commission staff within two business days. The request for billing and information was due Nov. 6, 2017. A partial response was received Nov. 10, 2017; however, the response was incomplete. A complete response had still not been received by the date of this complaint's closing, Dec. 22, 2017. One violation is recorded for each business day. The company was notified of the violation(s).

### Activities

**Activity Type: Email** 

Activity Date: 10/30/2017, 10:51:34 AM

To: awoods@utc.wa.gov;

From: CRMAdmSvc@utc.wa.gov

Subject: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5 has been Assigned to You CRM:0042372

Attachments: 0

**Body:** 

CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

**Activity Type: Email** 

Activity Date: 10/30/2017, 10:51:53 AM

To: awoods@utc.wa.gov;

From: CRMAdmSvc@utc.wa.gov

Subject: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5 has been Assigned to You CRM:0042372

Attachments: 0

**Body:** 

CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 12:58:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Nancy Marquart** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/2/2017 12:58 p.m. Left voice message for customer

Description:

11/2/2017 12:58 p.m. I said I didn't have information about what the complaint was for except that she'd like to file a complaint against Harrison-Ray Water Company. I requested a call back to discuss her complaint. I provided UTC's toll-free number and my office hours.

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 1:11:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Nancy Marquart** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/2/2017 1:11 p.m. Incoming call from customer

### **Description:**

11/2/2017 1:11 p.m. The customer said she was billed for service from March 1 to March 31, but it wasn't post-marked until May 27. Then a bill for May 2017 showed she had a previous balance of \$61.23; however, she was never billed for it. She asked for the bill for April and never received anything. She paid the full amount. Then in June, it showed the balance was still there. Then her August bill shows \$167.41 with no post-marked date on it; however, she got it in October. She can't get a hold of anyone at Harrison-Ray. Customers are billed based on cubic-feet usage. She doesn't think they're even reading the meters. She and her neighbors have left messages with no calls back. She's concerned she's being over-billed. She'll send me copies of her billing statements. I explained the complaint process and timeline to the customer. I also explained the problem with Harrison-Ray's non-responsiveness. She said she understands since they can't get a response either.

**Activity Type: Email** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 1:22:27 PM

To: nanjmarquart@gmail.com;

From: awoods@utc.wa.gov

Subject: Follow-up to your request re: Harrison-Ray Water Co. CRM:0039321

Attachments: 0

**Body:** 

Dear Nancy Marquart,

You can attach your billing statements by replying to this email. The attachments will automatically be filed with your complaint. Thank you.

Sincerely, Aimee Woods Consumer Program Specialist

**Activity Type: Email** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 1:23:43 PM

To: awoods@utc.wa.gov;

From: nanjmarquart@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Follow-up to your request re: Harrison-Ray Water Co.

CRM:0039321

Attachments: 1

Body:

On Thu, Nov 2, 2017 at 1:22 PM, Woods, Aimee (UTC) <a woods@utc.wa.gov wrote: Dear Nancy Marquart,

You can attach your billing statements by replying to this email. The attachments will automatically be filed with your complaint. Thank you.

Sincerely,

# Aimee Woods Consumer Program Specialist

**Activity Type: Email** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 2:15:16 PM

To: tomco11@frontier.com;

From: awoods@utc.wa.gov

Subject: WA UTC Complaint CAS-22011-C0R0Q5 for Nancy Marquart

CRM:0039322

Attachments: 0

Body:

Washington UTC Complaint CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Company: Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc.

Customer: Nancy Marquart

Account #:

Contact:

Service Address:

156 Teri Rd

Burbank Washington 99323 Primary Phone: 509-554-3522

Secondary Phone:

Email Address: nanjmarquart@gmail.com

Complaint Information:

Complaint ID: CAS-22011-C0R0Q5

Serviced By: Aimee Woods

Opened On: 10/30/2017 10:50 AM

Grouped By: Disputed Bill

Description:

The customer has not been receiving all of her water bills. She has left several voice messages for Harrison-Ray Water Company requesting copies of her bills; however, she has not received a response. Some of the customer's statements are post-marked

months after the services dates shown. Other billing statements are not post-marked at all. There is not a due date or delinquent date on the billing postcards so there is no way to know when a balance is overdue. There is also no tax information shown. The customer disputes the amount she is being charged and believes the company is not reading the meters.

Please send copies of the customer's monthly statement for January through October 2017 with your response.

Sent 11/2/2017 at 2:15 p.m. by email to Harrison-Ray Water Company and about 2:20 p.m. by facsimile. Response due 11/6/2017 by 5 p.m.

**Activity Type: Activity** 

Activity Date: 11/2/2017, 2:18:00 PM

Contact:

Subject: Fax confirmation

Attachments: 1

**Description:** 

**Activity Type: Activity** 

Activity Date: 11/7/2017, 9:33:00 AM

Contact:

Subject: Violations recorded - Fax confirmation

Attachments: 1

**Description:** 

**Activity Type: Activity** 

Activity Date: 11/10/2017, 12:00:00 PM

Contact:

Subject: Incoming fax from company

Attachments: 1

### **Description:**

So sorry Im late with this thought I was caught up not sure how that happened I mailed Sept billing Oct. 17, 2017 due Oct. 31, 2017. I guess I made a mistake. Sorry about that I'm human, about her not receiving all her water bills. I know her well believe me I would remember her leaving messages I don't recall. You would not ever like to be on her bad side as I am, for what rason I'm not sure. Anyway these last five months have been trying at best. So many people are complaning about no receving their bills we are not sure what to do. So I have had to resent July - August Then that confuses everyone that did recieve a bill so then they say we are double billing. You tell me what to do. Every since they closed our Pasco Post office all the mail leaves here to Spokane then back again. In our defence Nancy did send us a copy of the bill that wasn't post marked. Couldn't believe my eyes it's like I'm being sabataughed as to due date always on the card you can see on the bills. What she means is our stamp is over the due date. We have no late fee. no tax information because we charge no tax. Our card/bills have all the info on them that UTC requires your the ones who helped us with that years ago when we started the post cards. Very helpful I may add. Yes meters are read every month, with the exception of cold weather, you guys (UTC) allow us two months in a row not to read due to bad weather. In those cases we are only allowed to charge the base rate which in Ms. Marquart's case it would be \$25.85. Then when we resume reading the meter the computer deducts the month wheather you use the water or not. Then it calculates accordingly base rate \$25.85 with 0 usage 0-2,500 cubic ft is \$0.88 per 100 then 2,501 up to 6,500 cubic ft. is \$1.08 per 100 over 6,500 cubic ft is \$1.33 per 100. as you can see on our bills each month has the meter read + usage thats how their bills are calculated. please help me resolve this matter as you can see I'm overwhelmed. attached her bills January - October. Sincerely Dacia Harrison Copy of bills to follow! January - Oct in a perfect world meter are read end of each month, bills go out between 14-16 due end of the next month ie October bills out by 15th of November due by the 30th. Per you UTC we have to give our customers 15 working days to pay their water bill.

**Activity Type: Activity** 

Activity Date: 11/15/2017, 9:08:00 AM

Contact:

Subject: Fax request sent to company

Attachments: 1

### **Description:**

Dacia, I received a partial response to complaint CAS-22011-C0R0Q5 for Nancy Marquart; however, this response is considered incomplete because no bills were attached as requested by commission staff. You said the bills would follow; however, as of Nov. 15, I have not received anything further from Harrison-Ray Water Co. Daily violations will continue to accrue as previously stated until a full response is received. The customer sent me copies of the postcards she received in May and July of 2017. WAC 480-110-375(1)(f) states a bill must show the date the bill becomes delinquent...minimum specified time must be fifteen days after mailing within Washington; however, there is no mailing date or post mark on two of the postcards. Furthermore, the due date is covered by a stamp and is illegible. Customers need to be able to see the date it was mailed and the date the bill is due. Per WAC 480-110-375, customers also need enough information to be able to calculate if their bill is accurate. You stated the problem is that the post office is not delivering bills to all of your customers; however, you will need to file a complaint with them. The post cards need to have mailing dates on them, whether stamped by the post office or dated by you when the bill is mailed out. The postal service is not within our jurisdiction. I hope this information helps. Regards, Aimee Woods

Activity Type: Phone Call

Activity Date: 11/21/2017, 7:45:00 AM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

Customer: Dacia Harrison

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/21/2017 7:45 a.m. Left voice message for company

Description:

11/21/2017 7:45 a.m. I said we tried sending a fax to 509-627-4313 and are told the subscriber's voice mailbox hasn't been set up yet. We also tried fax number 509-627-2937. I told her I still need copies of the customer's billing statements. I need a call back. I provided the UTC's toll-free number, as well as my phone number and Alice's phone number.

Activity Type: Phone Call

Activity Date: 11/21/2017, 8:00:00 AM

**Direction: Incoming** 

**Customer: Dacia Harrison** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/21/2017 8 a.m. Incoming call from company

### **Description:**

11/21/2017 8 a.m. Dacia said her fax machine was out of paper, which is why it isn't working. I told her I need the customer's billing statements. Dacia said she stayed up until 3 a.m. gathering billing statements. She's sending them over to me today. There's paper in her fax machine now and I can resend the request.

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 11/21/2017, 8:10:00 AM

Direction: Outgoing

Customer: Dacia Harrison

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/21/2017 8:10 a.m. Left voice message for company

## **Description:**

11/21/2017 8:10 a.m. The message says I've reached 509-727-2105. I said we tried to send another fax and it's still not working. If the fax machine isn't working, the

commission needs another means to discuss or file complaints. She needs to provide a working phone number or email address. This my request for more information. I need copies of the customer's bills. I provided my phone number and Alice's phone number and requested a call back.

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 11/21/2017, 3:44:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Dacia Harrison** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 11/21/2017 3:44 p.m. Left voice message for company

# **Description:**

11/21/2017 3:44 p.m. I said I still haven't received any faxes. It's almost 3:45 p.m. I requested a call back.

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 12/14/2017, 12:50:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Dacia Harrison** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 12/14/2017 12:50 p.m. Left voice message for company

# **Description:**

12/14/2017 12:50 p.m. I said if she's not going to voluntarily comply or cooperate with the complaint process, we would have to stop the informal complaint process and close the complaints. The customers then have the option of filing a formal complaint, which is more of a legal process and goes through our commissioners, if they choose to do so and we have had customers who have voiced that's their intent. I hope we can

resolve this without going that route. I requested a call back and provided my direct phone number.

**Activity Type: Phone Call** 

Activity Date: 12/22/2017, 4:05:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Nancy Marquart** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: 12/22/2017 4:05 p.m. Left voice message for customer

### **Description:**

12/22/2017 4:05 p.m. I said the commission wasn't getting a response from Harrison Ray Water so I'll be closing the complaint at this time. The customer can choose to file a formal complaint alone or with her neighbors. I'll send the information in the mail. I'll be recording violations against the company and closing the complaint. If the customer would like a copy of her complaint or has any questions, I provided UTC's toll-free number.

**Activity Type: Letter** 

Activity Date: 12/22/2017, 4:45:00 PM

**Direction: Outgoing** 

**Customer: Nancy Marquart** 

**UTC POC: Aimee Woods** 

Subject: Closing letter to customer

# Description:

Dear Nancy Marquart: Thank you for contacting the Utilities and Transportation Commission. I am responding to your complaint against Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc (Harrison-Ray). I was unable to reach you at the phone number you

provided, 509-998-4784. Harrison-Ray has been non-responsive to the commission's requests for information and documentation. I am unable to proceed with my informal investigation; however, I have recorded violations for the company's non-complaince. I am sorry the Consumer Protection section could not be of more assistance in this case. The commission is currently reviewing the company's business practices; however, I am providing the information for you to file a formal complaint. If you choose to file a formal complaint, either individually or with your neighbors, you will control the timeline. You can contact our office to request a copy of your complaint file. Your complaint is now closed. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-888-333-9882, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sincerely, Aimee Woods Consumer Program Specialist

**Activity Type: Activity** 

Activity Date: 12/22/2017, 5:18:00 PM

Contact:

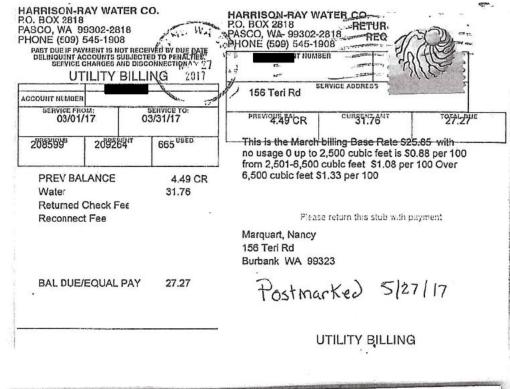
Subject: Closing fax to company

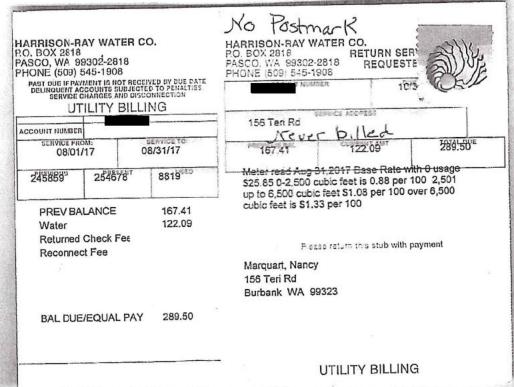
Attachments: 1

# **Description:**

Hi Dacia, Since you have not responded to the commission's requests for information and documentation, we will be closing the informal complaint process at this time. A formal complaint and investigation may follow. I have recorded the following violations: Violation: WAC 480-110-315(2) – (1 count): The company failed to notify the commission of changes to its contact information (email and phone number) ten days prior to the effective date. Violation: WAC 480-110-375(1)(e) – (4 counts): The company failed to include enough information on the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 bills that, together with tariff rates, the customer could calculate her bill(s). Violation: WAC 480-110-375(1)(f) – (4 counts): The company failed to show the date the bill becomes due or the bill was due within fifteen days after it was mailed for the customer's March, May, June and August 2017 statements. Violation: WAC 480-110-385(3)(a) - (35 counts): The company failed to investigate and report the results of the complaint to the commission staff within two business days. The request for billing and information was due Nov. 6, 2017. A partial response was received until Nov. 10, 2017; however, the response was incomplete. A complete response had still not been received by the date of this complaint's closing, Dec. 22, 2017. One violation is recorded for each business day. The explanation of the

violations recorded above constitutes technical assistance. Please make all corrections necessary to ensure future compliance. Repeat violations may result in enforcement action, including monetary penalties. Staff considers a number of factors when recommending penalties, including whether past technical assistance was provided and subsequently followed. This complaint is now closed. The disposition is Consumer Upheld. Please note that the Consumer Protection section has an internal quality review program and all closed complaints are subject to review and/or reopening. The company may request a review of this investigation by Alice Fiman, Consumer Protection Manager. Please clearly note why the company requests a review and I will forward the request. To contact Alice directly, email afiman@utc.wa.gov or call 360-664-1103. Regards, Aimee





No Postmark HARRISON-RAY WATER CO. P.O. BOX 2818 PASCO, WA 99302-2818 PHONE (509) 545-1908 HARRISON-RAY WATER CO. RO. BOX 2818 PASCO, WA 99302-2818 PHONE (509) 545-1908 RETURN SEP REQUEST PAST DUE IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS SUBJECTED TO PENALTIES SERVICE CHARGES AND DISCONNECTION NUMBER UTILITY BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER 156 Teri Rd 06/01/17 06/30/17 61.23 142.55 2232765 23363311 Meter read June 30, 2017. base rate with 0 usage 103570 \$25.85 0 up to 2,500 cubic feet \$0.88 per 100 from 2,501-6,500 cubic feet \$1.08 per 100 over PREV BALANCE 6,500 cubic feet \$\$1.33 per 100 61.23 Water 142.55 Returned Check Fee Reconnect Fee Please return this stud with day- g-Marquart, Nancy 156 Teri Rd Burbank WA 99323 BAL DUE/EQUAL PAY because I had enough others has utility BILLING

