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Attn: Cascadia Water Rate Request Docket # 240151



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RE: Cascadia Water Rate Request Docket # 240151

To Whom it may Concern,

After reading Cascadia proposal for a rate increase.
We found the rate increase of 107% very high and unreasonable.
Before the last 3 phase rate increase our average water bill was \$48.00.
After the 3 phase rate increase. Our average water bill is \$93.00.

In 2020 Cascadia asked for a 3 phase rate increase.
Phase 1 April 1 2021 23.1%
Phase 2 Oct. 1 2021 18.8%
Phase 3 April 1 2022 15.8%
Total Increase: 57.70% Now 2 years later a proposed 107% rate increase.

In their recent Important Notice. Cascadia listed 14 reason for the rate increase.
Please review the 14 reasons. Compare them to the last 3 phase 57.70% rate increase.
The 2021 Important Notice states 7 reason for the last rate increase.
Please review their new water systems acquisitions.

Cascadia is asking for the increase to reflect additonal revenue of \$1,788.793.
Through sound financial planning they could reach the additional revenue.
And not increase rates again for a 2nd time in 2 years.

Good management would be to maintain existing water systems as mentioned in their letter.
General maintenance as listed; replacement of various pumps, pressure valves, control boxes new well. Meter upgrades, pumphouse upgrades, install telemetry systems, install standby generators. Installing chlorine analyzers, install & replace above ground reserviors. New well.
All will make their system efficient and help reduce expenses.

Since the last rate increase of 57.70 %. Cascadia Water has acquired additional water systems across the state. The acquisitions may not have been financially sound investments.
Now upgrades & repairs are needed and the only way to cover expenses are to raise rates.

Our only consumer rights are to appeal to the commission.
107% rate increase is very unreasonable.

Thank you for your attention,

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