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As many of us are that are stuck using the new Cascadia system, we are outraged at the ridiculous price increases, especially in the area I live, Sequim, where many of us are retired. What I understand about the new water tower in the Estates water system, is there are several reliable sources that say that this wasn't completely necessary - and who knows how much it costs because they don't seem to want to tell us, the customers beholden to them the cost, as well as the horrible \$78,000 generator without soundproofing. These costs are being shoved on us. Also, I understand that they buy other wells that need work and the cost is spread around so some of our water bill goes to some other well they are trying to improve-whether it needs it or not! It is an unreasonable price hike of 78% or more, even in a time when prices are rising-especially when one looks at their projected price hikes of up to 300% over the next three years!

The company has been evasive in their answers to our groups questions as to why they are doing this, when it will be done, what exactly is the money going towards and what are they doing next. That is not only unreasonable, it is rude to the folks who live here. They are not letting us know where our money is going to, what for and why. Like, why are they funding other well properties that need work with our money-the way I understand it?

The new water tower they built on the Estates well is 30 feet from my property line and we had NO notification that they were building it until the day they started construction. It was one of the most horrible 6 months of my life having this huge noisy construction project, all these strange men, with no set hours or schedules practically in my yard. I work part time from home (but also depend on my social security), so there was no where I could go to get away from it and still do my work.

All we want are just, fair and reasonable rates for all of us and those in the future using Cascadia's systems. We don't want a big, bloated company making profits off people like me on social security-or just any of us in the neighborhood who are forced to buy their water. I understand that we can't even drill a well because Cascadia has the well system for this whole area.

Thank You for listening and hopefully getting some answers,

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