

COMMENT FORM FOR: CHARLES AND MARIANNE LEWIS - ID# 3053

Consumer Information	
Confidential Comment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Contact Method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None
Name	CHARLES AND MARIANNE LEWIS
Organization Company	
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Comment Information	
Theme	Drastic Increase
Filing Support	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Undecided
Source	<input type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> Phone <input checked="" type="radio"/> Web
Public Involvement Lead	John Cupp
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Open Date 05/23/2007</p> <p>Closed Date</p> <p>Web Create Date 05/22/2007</p> <p>Frankly, the increase in water rates proposed by Rosario Utilities is shocking in its audacity and outrageous in its size and timing. We have just suffered through a long and very expensive surcharge period, during which an important plant upgrade supposedly was paid for. Now we find that the loan was owed to a related party, the interest rate may have been as much as 100% above market, and the loan has not been paid off. Coincidentally, just as the owners of Rosario Resort have obtained approval of their new Master Plan to put dozens and dozens of new water-using houses and townhomes on the Resort's property, water rates are proposed to skyrocket, and it certainly appears that once again the residential users in the neighborhood are set to be made to pay for the tools (in this case the water system) that the commercial user (the eventual new owner of the Resort) needs to become profitable. My understanding is that the Resort owns Rosario Utilities, and is in the process of selling it. This behavior--increase the value by pushing things through right before selling and disappearing--is exactly what is happening at the Resort. With the Master Plan in place, the Resort will be sold to new owners who will build what they want. I believe that it is unlikely that the water system or water rates need to be increased at all to serve the residential users in the neighborhood now, or to serve the Resort as currently configured (whether the Resort has been paying its fair share of costs to date is unclear to me). Despite that, I believe that an attempt is being made now to force us to pay for costs of new users, especially the greatly-to-be-expanded Resort and its</p>

greatly-to-be-increased landscaping water use and occupancy rates, but also new residential users who may build in the neighborhood. Those new uses should pay their own way. In addition, bad accounting and insider high-rate borrowing are simply over the top. We must rely on you to ensure that the applicant proves every dime of the need, and we must rely on you to see that the burden, once accurately measured, is imposed fairly on the various constituents. Doubt must be resolved against the applicant. Evidence of games being played with the books and records, if found, must result in appropriate sanctions. This situation is very serious and needs your full attention. Thank you. We're counting on you.

Attachments

Follow-Up Information		Other Follow-Up Information	
Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Other Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Follow-Up Staff		Other Follow-Up Staff	
Follow-Up Complete	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

Issue Information	
Issue ID	169
Company	Rosario Utilities, Llc
Filing	070944
Staff	Jim Ward

Complaint Information	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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