

Company	Deer Meadows Water Co., Inc.	
Filing	100642	
Staff	Jim Ward	

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

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COMMENT FORM FOR: ROBERT A. MILLER - ID# 24675

Consumer Information	
Contact Method <input type="radio"/> Email <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None	
Name	ROBERT A. MILLER
Organization Company	
Address	29896 BADGER COURT E
City, State, Zip Code	DAVENPORT WASHINGTON 99122
Email	
Primary Phone #	509-725-4617
	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
Theme	Drastic Increase
Open Date	10/12/2010
Filing Support	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Undecided
Closed Date	
Source	<input type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input checked="" type="radio"/> Phone <input type="radio"/> Web
Web Create Date	
Public Involvement Lead	Dennis Shutler
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Description	Consumer doesn't mind a fair rate increase. And he doesn't mind the proposed rates, or settlements rates, but he wishes the company would increase the minimum a little and the middle two rates a little bit to get more profit, but it's the end rate that he really has problems with - \$1.60 for over 15,840 gallons, that's where he really has his problem. That's about a 70% increase from what he used to have and that is out of line. It's too much, it's going to raise his bill from \$40 to \$138 and that's just out of line.
Attachments	

Issue Information	
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ATTENTION: David W. Danner

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Dear Mr. Danner,

The following are a few reasons we object to the high settlement rate proposal.

This rate will be paid by approximately 20 per cent of the water district customers that have permanent homes in Deer Meadows. Homes with landscaped yards and trees. The other 80 per cent of customers come here on week-ends or vacations. The lots surrounding their RV's are covered with high grass and weeds! creating a high fire danger.

This area is considered a desert area with only 11-13 inches of rain per year unlike Western Washington with rain fall 12 months a year.

We permanent residents have to maintain a green area around our homes for fire protection.

During the months of July and August our green area turns brown and dry. Due to the high water rates, we cannot water it like it should be watered. In 2009 we lost 8 trees due to not enough water.

We only water about 5,000 sq. feet and fertilize regularly to cut down on water. When we get no rain for two and a half months and little rain for five months, this sandy area does need water.

Most residents in the Deer Meadows area are retired and did not receive a wage increase in Social Security and retirement benefits this year and will not in 2011. If this settlement is approved, our water bill will almost double for the six months of summer.

Last year the water district spent \$166,000.00 but \$105,000.00 went for wages and stockholders dividends which are the same three people who receive the wages.

We would like to suggest a settlement could be made that all lots pay an equal amount—charging everyone \$45.00 a month per year. With unlimited water and no change in rates for 5 years— $\$45.00 \times 350 \times 12 = \$189,000.00$. Much like other utility rates on a budget plan. This would eliminate monthly meter readings and time spent figuring monthly bills.

On TV the other day, Arizona farmers were complaining about high water rates. It was \$20.00 per acre foot=325,851 gallons of water.

Thank you.

Dane and Liz Finacker

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As a Deer Meadows Water Co. customer since 1996 I would like to question your letter dated 9-30-2010 that states a settlement has been reached and the average residential customer will see an increase of 3.73 per month or 11.2 percent.

I would question how you can come up with that average as I wouldn't think that there are more than 75 or 80 of the 350 water customers that are using any amount of water as a large number of the lots are vacant all year and are for sale.

Living in this dry hot area we are in a class 9 fire rating which raises our fire insurance so most of us try to maintain a green area for fire protection; and with a garden we use a little more water.

Also your letter states the company's annual revenue increase would be 11,227, I would question why reduce

the base rate from 26.25 to 24⁰⁰
which reduces the base \$10,500, why
not maintain the 26.25 base rate
which would maintain a higher cash
flow in the low water months.?

And consider raising the 4601 to 15,840
rate to 4601 to 30,000?

I do not think the settlement
agreement is in the public interest as
with the loss of the golf course
and the proposed water rates it
would bill any new growth in the
Deer Meadows Water Co area.

Most of the people living in
the area are on fixed incomes and
with bills like my aug bill of 63.07
before taxes goes to 140.26 before taxes
it would cause problems.

After we have seen the records
of the water company in the past
please reconsider the customers.

Thank You,
Howard & Joann Walker,
29864 Badger Ct. Rd. E
Deer Meadows Wo.
99122

