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To: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

David Danner, Commissioner Chairman
Philip Jones, Commissioner
Jeffrey Goltz, Commissioner
Mark Vasconi, Director Regulatory Services
Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director

From: State Representatives of 31st District: Cathy Dahlquist & Christopher Hurst

Issue: Newaukum Water System, Inc. Release from UTC Control

Dear Commissioners and Directors,

It has recently come to our attention that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has unnecessary control over the Newaukum Water System, Inc.

We are writing in support of the Newaukum Water System's request to be released from the UTC jurisdiction to regulate. Newaukum Water System, Inc. was put under the UTC despite the fact that they do not fit the criteria outlined in WAC 480-110-255 (2) (e) and (f) it is a not-for-profit corporation nor is it a public corporation. The Newaukum Water System is a small operation that needs its own flexibility to function properly.

The financial limitations connected with the UTC regulation makes it too difficult for a small corporation like the Newaukum Water System to meet the same financial and health requirements that apply to large corporations with higher numbers of customers to support the expenses associated with the industry. They seem to be a self-sufficient and self-regulated and the regulations placed on it by the UTC will cause an unnecessary burden that will cause them to go under.

We appreciate you taking the time to listen to this request, and if you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Cathy Dahlquist in black ink.

Cathy Dahlquist, State Representative
31st Legislative District

Handwritten signature of Christopher Hurst in black ink.

Christopher Hurst, State Representative
31st Legislative District