COMMENT FORM FOR: MARI GARDNER - ID# 3061 **Consumer Information** Contact Method ● Email ○ Mail ○ None Confidential ○ Yes ● No Comment Name MARI GARDNER Organization Company Address City, State, EASTSOUND WASHINGTON 98245 Zip Code Email Fax # Primar Phone # Secondary Phone # Comment Information Open Date 05/23/2007 Theme Closed Date Filing Support O Yes No Undecided Source O Email O Mail O Phone • Web Web Create 05/22/2007 Date Pubilc Involvement John Cupp Lead O Yes O No Duplicate Comment Description I am very concerned about the present management of this company and the proposed rate increase, just before a sale of the company. I question why they are including in the rate increase request, a comingling of a shortfall of money to cover plant expansion, with usual and customary occasional rate increases for upgrades to infrastructure. It concerns me that the loans outstanding for plant expansion have an interest rate that remains in the 9% and yet they passed up a chance to lower the interest rate 3-4 years ago. Now they have a plant expansion not yet paid for even though the 7 year surcharge we all paid, ended in January of 2007. There are compelling reasons for not granting any rate increase until the new company takes over ownership this Summer. I implore you to issue a stay of decision on any rate increase until the utility company completes its sale of ownership. Thank you for your time. Mari and Dave Gardner Orcas Island Attachments Other Follow-Up Information Follow-Up Information Other Follow-Up O Yes O No Follow-Up O Yes O No Other Follow-Up Staff Follow-Up Staff Follow-Up Complete O Yes O No