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From: Todd Ellis [REDACTED]
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Subject: Salmon valley water rates

Good Morning,

I was wondering if your agency reviews or takes comment on proposed rate increases by water service providers? I live in Welches and two years ago, our water provider was bought out but retained the Salmon Valley water name. Shortly after the purchase, we were informed our base rates would increase about \$10 a year for the next two years. On year one, it did increase by roughly \$10, but this year, we were just informed our increase would double. No explanation or justification. It seems odd that our old provider could provide water at a base rate of \$20, but the new provider needs \$60 for the same service. This kind of increase causes financial hardship for those involved. I guess my question is did they provided you an explanation that you deemed reasonable? I'm not questioning that, only wanting to know if that was the case.

Thank you for your time,
Todd Ellis

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