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Re: Eagletail Water Company, L.C.
Request for Rate Increase

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Gentlemen,

Per the notice dated 11/22/2004 from Eagletail Water Company, L. C. requesting a rate increase, we wish to express our objection to such a large increase in such a short time. In the 2002 rate increase, the basic water meter charge went from \$15.00 which included 1,000 gallons of water usage to a minimum charge of \$21.00 with no allowance for water. The gallon usage rate went from \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons.

And now for a jump to a basic minimum rate of \$27.00 and a gallon usage of \$3.50 per 1,000 is quite a shock to the pocketbook. This is at a minimum a 29% increase in the basic rate, and a 52% increase in the cost per 1,000 gallons used.

The explanation in the notice is that less water is being used so a rate increase is needed and that the managers of the company were unaware of property taxes. We can assure you that this much of an increase will make even less water be used.

A much more moderate increase would be more easily absorbed by us, the consumer, with a slightly slower recovery of the unexpected costs over time.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Betty Creecher
Richard Jensen
William L. Stambach
R.E. Forney
Jay L. Hill

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