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Chief, Hearing Division
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Re: Coronado Utilities

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My wife and I are retired and long time residents of San Manuel and have several homes here. We rent thus we have a good feel for the income of the people who have moved here. The residents here just can't afford more costs and barely make it now..

With the closing of the one major employer, the copper mine, and the lay off of the 3000 employees, the town has gone through rough times. The residents here now comprise of mostly retired or people working at low income jobs elsewhere and have computing expenses.

The proposal before you is to build a new sewage disposal plant to replace the existing 50 year old plant. The existing plant is of simple design and low operating costs and still capable of handling the current and future needs of the town. About 50% of the volume to the pant was from the now closed copper mine. The plant is located far from residents but on property owned by the copper company. As you can tell, I don't know why the replacement and costs are necessary at all..

The plant proposed must dispose of the waste effluent,(water), as the copper company does not want it on their property as currently. I understand the copper company will be giving Coronado several acres adjacent to the existing plant for the proposed new plant. Currently effluent is allowed to evaporate or soak into the ground. Disposal with the new proposed plant will also allow the effluent to evaporate and soak into the ground as it must be used on a privately owned golf course..

A large portion of the costs of the new plant will be pumping the effluent about 2 miles to the locally privately owned golf course. There are currently about 50 paying members and some are from towns other than San Manuel. The golf course can't make expenses now and what will happen if the course can't pay expenses in the future?. Currently water is furnished by the copper company. When pumping costs are transferred to the residents now or in the future, rates will certainly increase again.

We are told the costs of our sewage service will be \$35 to \$45 per mo per household. This seems high. Current cost is \$40 per yr. The new rate is not determined by the water usage or the amount of people in the house hold, but the cost of building and operating the new plant and profit to Coronado Utilities.

We urge you to carefully consider the proposal before you. As we are not incorporated, we must depend upon knowledgeable persons such as you , to help control costs unfairly imposed upon us.

Yours truly,
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