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Dear Friend,

This letter is in reference to the Mount Tipton Water Company's request for a temporary rate hike. It is my understanding that this rate hike is being requested because they are having a problem paying a loan they received from WIFA. The loan from WIFA was to purchase the Dolan Springs Water Company, and also it is my understanding that part of this loan was also to pay the debt of some former water board members who were sued by Dolan Springs Water Company. So now they are asking us to pay for their mistakes. I do not believe this is a responsible way for a water company to act. Already their metered customers are paying a \$5.00 service charge that is supposed to be going to the WIFA loan. \$826,000 to purchase a small water company is outrageous. The total number of meters the combined companies have less than 750 active meters. That is \$1101 per meter. On top of this MTWC had a manager to whom they paid over \$57,000 for seven months of service, of two days per week work. To me this just says poor management. And because of their poor management they expect us to pull them out of the hole when all they do is lie to us about where the money has gone. They expect us to pay when they are not answerable to any one for the way they spend money. I am wholly apposed to this. I believe before any kind of a rate hike is allowed there needs to be a full investigation and audit of Mount Tipton Water Company, and I do not mean the kind of audit that you ask them for information, I mean the kind of audit where the company is taken over and everything is investigated. An investigation where the people are told the truth of how their water

company is run and those who have defrauded it are prosecuted. And when that is done to the peoples satisfaction then and only then should any kind of rate increase be entertained.

Sincerely,

Julie K Thompson