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Dear Sir

I am writing to comment on the proposed rate increase on sewer rates by Far West Water and Sewer, docket number WS-03478A-08-0454.

This rate increase is totally out of reason for the residents of this area as most are on fixed income and also are part time residents. I can understand some reasonable rate increases are necessary as the cost of doing business goes up, the company wants this increase so they can develop more land and make more money, this company wants us to pay their developer fees. I feel that this rate increase is due to company mis-management over the years and a lack of proper planning on their part. This company seems to make mistakes over and over, has been fined by the state, had lawsuits filed against them and now wants to pass the cost of this mis-management on to us.

My observation of the process in other areas of the country shows that most times developers must pay for infrastructure improvements that must be made to sell property, (lots). This company, Far West, is the same ownership group that is developing the land for sale and since don't want to pay their own costs; they want us to absorb the costs so they can make a profit on property development. When I have had sewer service in other places, the sewer fee is based on the amount of water usage. They don't seem to want to do that here as I am sure they would not make enough money because many of the residents here are only part time. I understand they have a unique situation here but let's be reasonable when asking for rate increases, people need to be able to afford them.

The fact that the commission hearing on this matter will occur on July 29, 2009, when probably 80% of the property owners affected by this increase are not in the area seems a little convenient for the company as well. The meetings, all of them should be scheduled when the affected property owners are in residence here and able to attend these meetings. I would suggest the hearing be held in October or November 2009 when the property owners are in residence and able to attend this meeting.

Thank you,
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Patricia A Taylor

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