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Dateland Water LLC

P. O. Box 98, Anacortes, WA 98221

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RE: EMERGENCY RATE CASE COVER SHEET AND
REQUEST THAT OUR MORATORIUM ON ADDING NEW CUSTOMERS BE LIFTED
AZ CORP COMMISSION
DOCKET CONTROL

January 7, 2016

W-20395A-16-0004

Dear sirs and madams,

We are a small older water company with 14 customers that recently had to make \$9,914.89 of emergency repairs. We are also in need of a permanent rate increase because of annual losses dating back several years. We have not had a rate increase since 1999. We are requesting funds to pay for the cost of applying for a permanent rate increase and to reimburse us for some of these emergency repairs. We are also asking for our moratorium on adding new customers to be lifted. This moratorium was put in place in 2005 under W-20395A-05-0536 and W-20378A-05-0536. We have requests for new water service from three residential customers.

Our well piping failed in May of last year and our pump failed in November, causing \$5,500.00 of our total emergency repairs. We also spent \$4,414.89 to correct violations regarding our plant condition, mostly because of deferred maintenance. Of this \$4,414.89 spent, \$1,786.11 was for repairs and \$2,628.78 was for new fencing. We are also asking \$6,230.00 in this emergency case to pay for a rate case application for 2017.

In 2006 we had increased expenses because we first installed point of use water treatment devices for our customers. For 2012, 2013 and 2014, we averaged \$5,185.00 of income, \$8,435.00 for expenses and lost \$3,250.00 per year. The average loss per year would have been \$5,050.00 if we had not donated our management fees of \$1,800.00 per year. We are not willing to donate our management time anymore. Our 2015 income/loss figures will not be any better.

Under the above circumstances we need an emergency rate increase. We will use these funds to apply for a permanent rate increase, pay for the past emergency expenses and for a reserve for other major expenses that may develop.

Ben Thomas
Dateland Water LLC

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Dateland Water LLC

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360-293-2105

RE: EMERGENCY RATE CASE
DOLLAR AMOUNT TO BE RECOVERED AND
MECHANISM OF RECOVERY

January 7, 2016

We have completed \$9,914.89 of emergency repairs and improvements and need to spend an additional \$6,230.00 to apply for a permanent rate case application (or towards a CC&N) for total expenditures of \$16,144.89. We are requesting a \$12,960.00 Emergency Rate Case, which is \$3,184.89 short of our expenses.

Our mechanism to recover this amount is to increase the monthly usage charge to our 14 existing customers to \$32.50 per month from \$10.00 and to increase our commodity charge to \$3.75 per thousand from \$2.00. The usage charge change shall increase annual revenue by \$3,780.00 per year, before sales tax. The commodity charge change shall increase annual revenue, before sales tax, by about \$2,700.00 per year. Both rate changes together should increase annual revenue by \$6,480.00 per year, provided we do not lose any customers because of this increase.

If the Arizona Corporation Commission accepts our request to add new customers, or at least the three that have requested service, our annual net revenue after expenses shall increase from these three new customers about \$1,200.00 per year. We do have concerns though, one or more existing customers may discontinue service because of this rate increase, especially once they are included in the area covered by our future CC&N application. We presently have four paying customers that do not use water because either their trailer is abandoned or removed or their building is vacant. These customers have stayed with us because they are concerned that if they discontinue service we may not be able to add them back as customers because of the existing moratorium.

We are asking for the emergency rate case to be in effect for two years. During this two year period we estimate these emergency rates should increase our revenue by a total of \$12,960.00, not considering any increase or decrease in the number of our customers.

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RE: EMERGENCY RATE CASE.
PROPOSED EMERGENCY RATE CHARGE

January 7, 2016

MONTHLY USAGE CHARGE:

5/8 X 3/4 inch meter	\$32.50
3/4 inch meter	\$32.50
1 inch meter	\$70.00
1 1/2 inch meter	\$140.00
2 inch meter	\$225.00

COMMODITY CHARGES:

Per 1,000 gallons	\$3.75
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SERVICE LINE AND METER CHARGES:

	<u>Service Line</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8 X 3/4 inch meter	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
3/4 inch meter	\$450.00	\$200.00	\$650.00
1 inch meter	\$465.00	\$265.00	\$730.00
1 1/2 inch meter	\$520.00	\$475.00	\$995.00
2 inch meter	\$800.00	\$995.00	\$1,795.00

SERVICE CHARGES:

Establishment	\$40.00
Reconnection (Delinquent)	\$40.00
After Hours Service Charge	\$75.00
Meter Test	\$40.00
Meter re-read	\$20.00
NSF check	\$35.00
Deferred payment per month	1.5%
Late Fee	1.5%

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RE: Emergency Rate Case

Detailed breakdown of emergency repair work with receipts attached.

January 7, 2016

Yuma Pump & Drill receipts:	Well piping replacement	\$3,000.00
	Well pump and cable	\$2,500.00

Wise Water Ways, LLC receipts:

Ladder, security gate and level gauge repair	\$167.08
Booster pump repairs	\$359.00
Bladder tank replacement	\$120.00
Booster pump pad repair	\$280.00
Booster pump replacement purchase	\$350.00
New Operations and Maintenance Manual cost	\$450.00
Conduit for booster pump repair	\$60.03
Fencing Installation	\$1,675.77

Lowe's receipts:

Fencing purchase of materials	<u>\$953.01</u>
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Total emergency repair expenses completed **\$9,914.89**

Plus cost to obtain a permanent rate case with proposal attached \$6,230.00
before extra management expense of permanent rate proposal

Total emergency repairs and permanent rate case expenses **\$16,144.89**

WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

General Contractor, Water Treatment Plant, Drinking Water Treatment Plant, Sewer Treatment Plant, Water Distribution System

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6/15/2015

To: Ben Thomas
Dateland Water LLC

Attached are pictures of the storage tank ladder showing the repairs made to it. The pictures show the before and after of the ladder. The storage tank is now secure. The level gauge float has also been repaired and is functional at this time.

The repairs required the following materials:

Stainless steel for level gauge float	\$ 20.00
Metal for the security gate on the ladder includes the welding, painting and hinges	\$ 30.00
Bleach used in disinfection of Pnue. Tank	\$ 17.08

Labor costs for this job:

Labor costs for level gauge and ladder 10 hours total at \$10.00 per hour	\$100.00
Labor costs for the disinfection of Pnue. tank This will be covered this month in the regular Operator charges for Me. This month only.	N/C

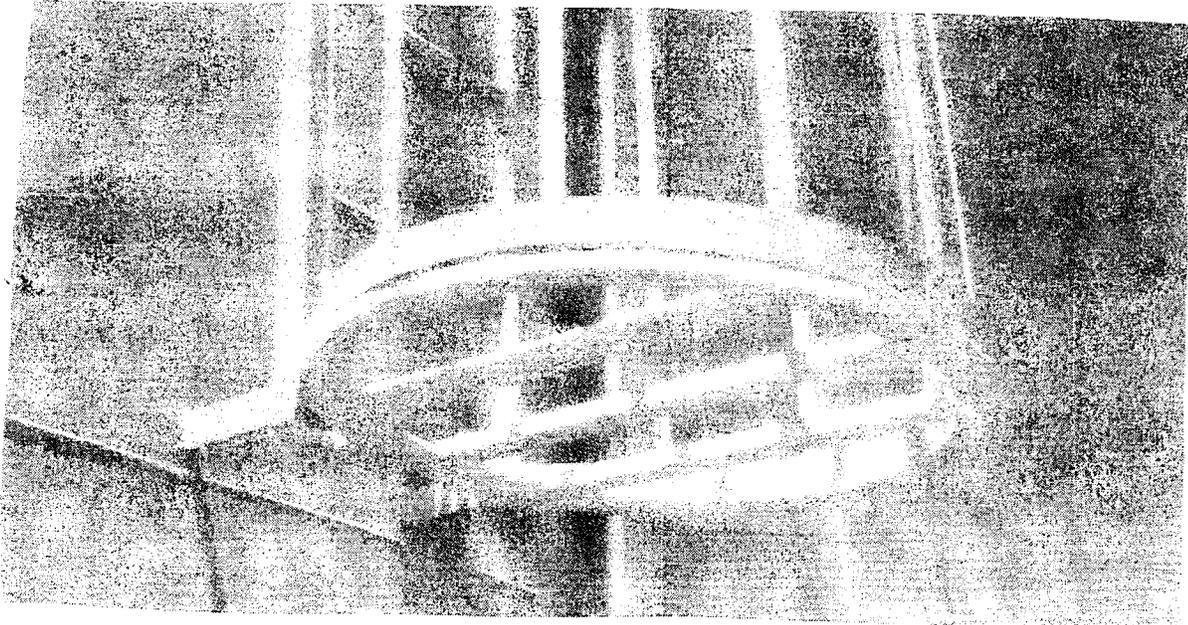
Total due is \$167.08

Paid # 1477

June 26, 2015

WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

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Wise Water Ways, LLC

Greenbelt-Indep. Program, Institute, Water Control, Water Pollution Control, Stormwater Management, Environmental Services



WORK ORDER / PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: Mon 8/31

CUSTOMER: Daleland LLC

LOCATION: _____

DESCRIPTION

Find materials, Hardware, Tools To Fabricate overhead
Shade for pumps, Tank etc. dry, Cement, build Frame
& post, Assemble same. 9' x 10 x 6'

DPC
COST OF PARTS: 100⁰⁰

Description: Sheeting, Post

Wise Water
COST OF PARTS: 75⁰⁰

Description: Hardware, Frame, etc

Wise Water
COST OF PARTS: 24⁰⁰

Description: pre mix Concrete

MISC. CHARGES (TRAVEL, PICK-UP DELIVERY, ETC.): _____

LABOR: Larry 8 hrs
Hours & Rate

LABOR: _____
Hours & Rate

LABOR: Don 8 hrs
Hours & Rate 16⁰⁰

LABOR: _____
Hours & Rate

TOTAL COST DUE CUSTOMER: Labor 16 hrs. \$160⁰⁰ Part # 199⁰⁰

Date Billed: \$ 359⁰⁰

Date Paid: _____

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WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

Grant 1. Water Incentives Program (including Water Conservation) (Water Services for Drought) (Water Treatment Special)



WORK ORDER / PURCHASE ORDER

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DATE: 8/28

CUSTOMER: Dateland Water

LOCATION: _____

DESCRIPTION

form + pour 36" pad for bladder tank
rough in plumbing to tank, pump
and supply 2" ✓

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

MISC. CHARGES (TRAVEL, PICK-UP DELIVERY, ETC.): _____

LABOR: Leroy 6 hrs **LABOR:** _____
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate

LABOR: Don 6 hrs **LABOR:** _____
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate
12

TOTAL COST DUE CUSTOMER: 12 hrs \$ 120⁰⁰

Date Billed: \$120⁰⁰

Date Paid: _____

WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

Grant C. Rate Increase Program (previously, Water Operator & Testing Services by Certified Water Treatment Specialists)

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WORK ORDER / PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: 9-25-15

CUSTOMER: Doteland Water

LOCATION: _____

DESCRIPTION

Purchase pump from DPSC.

Cost \$350⁰⁰

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

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COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

MISC. CHARGES (TRAVEL, PICK-UP DELIVERY, ETC.): _____

LABOR: _____ **LABOR:** _____
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate

LABOR: _____ **LABOR:** _____
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate

TOTAL COST DUE CUSTOMER: _____

Date Billed: _____

Date Paid: _____

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68-7497/2560

11-9-15

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Natekind Public Ser. Co. Inc* 350⁰⁰
Three hundred fifty & NO/10 DOLLARS

NAVY
FEDERAL
Credit Union

Paym't for
2 HP Used Pump *Nawn Mitchell Lane*

WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

Grant C. Rotz - Inmate Program, Operations, Water Operator & Testing Services by Certified Water Treatment Specialist.

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WORK ORDER / PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: 9-25-15

CUSTOMER: Dateland Water LLC

LOCATION: _____

DESCRIPTION

Operations & Maintenance Manual

Completed & 2 copies sent to
Dateland Water LLC

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

COST OF PARTS: _____ **Description:** _____

MISC. CHARGES (TRAVEL, PICK-UP DELIVERY, ETC.): _____

LABOR: Michelle **LABOR:** 45 hrs.
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate

LABOR: _____ **LABOR:** _____
Hours & Rate Hours & Rate

TOTAL COST DUE CUSTOMER: \$ 450⁰⁰

Date Billed: _____

Date Paid: _____

WISE WATER WAYS, LLC

Grant & Rate Increases Program assistance, Water Operation & Testing Services by Certified Water Treatment Specialists.

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July 17, 2015

Dateland Water LLC
PO Box 98
Anacortes, WA 98221

Attn: Ben Thomas

Hi Ben:

I'm enclosing work orders for the following work that has been completed:

- 1. Site fencing
- 2. Clean up of the site
- 3. Well site cement work
- 4. Required signage

The total due for this work is \$1,675.77.

This completes the bulk of the work that ADEQ is requiring. I am working on the operations and maintenance manual and will complete within the time frame. Don will schedule work for the balance of the ADEQ violations later in the month or early August. He will work with you on this.

These are the violations:	Operation and Maintenance manual	
	Fencing of the well site	completed
	Pressure tank needed site gauge	completed
	Storage tank level gauge	completed
	Clean up of the site	completed

I made the sign for your site. This would be a violation when ADEQ returns to the site so I felt that I should just take care of it now. I've also put no trespassing signs on the fence since this is also required. Things are looking very good and we hope that the pictures shown will confirm our commitment to your company and to your facility.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lane
Michelle Lane

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Dateland Water LLC

Materials	\$83.33	cement and wood
Materials	\$47.44	master locks and paint
trip charge	\$75.00	Yuma round trip 150 miles times .50 = \$75.00
11 foot gate	\$250.00	

Misc. charges **\$455.77**

Site required signage	\$100.00	Posted keep out & Identification sign
fencing hours (56 hours)	\$840.00	56 hours @ \$15.00 = \$840.00
clean up hours (16 hours)	\$160.00	16 hours @ \$10.00 = 160.00
well site cement (8 hours)	\$120.00	8 hours @ \$15.00 = \$120.00

Labor **\$1,220.00**

Total **\$1,675.77**

Total due for these jobs

Paid # 1,675.77
7-29-15
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Summary of Account Activity	
Previous Balance	\$0.00
- Payments	\$0.00
- Other Credits	\$0.00
+ Purchases/Debits	\$1,218.94
+ Fees Charged	\$0.00
+ Interest Charged	\$0.00
New Balance	\$1,218.94
Credit Limit	\$6,300.00
Available Credit	\$5,081.00
Statement Closing Date	07/17/2015
Days in Billing Cycle	31

Payment Information		
New Balance		\$1,218.94
Total Minimum Payment Due		\$25.00
Payment Due Date		08/09/2015
Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Total Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date listed above, you may have to pay a late fee up to \$35.00.		
Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:		
If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay ...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about ...	And you will end up paying an estimated total of ...
Only the minimum payment	8 years	\$2,590.00
\$48.00	3 years	\$1,745.00 (Savings = \$845.00)
If you would like information about credit counseling services , call 1-877-302-8775.		

Transaction Summary				
Tran Date	Post Date	Reference Number/ Invoice Number	Description of Transaction or Credit	Amount
07/06	07/06	41391	STORE 0035 MOUNT VERNON WA -, CHROME 8 WIDESPREAD PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNT	3412 wood 2nd \$265.93
07/06	07/06	73556	STORE 1082 YUMA AZ -, FENCING - CHAIN LINK FENCING - CHAIN LIN, FENCING - CHAIN LINK	Dickland water → \$953.01

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Paid \$ 953.01 # 1503 D. Water
Paid \$265.93 # 5502 F+B 7-30

PAYMENT DUE BY 5 P.M. (ET) ON THE DUE DATE.

NOTICE: We may convert your payment into an electronic debit. See reverse for details, Billing Rights Information and other important information.

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Wise Water Ways LLC
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Dateland, AZ 85333

928-257-9199

December 10, 2015

Dateland Water LLC
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PROPOSAL FOR RATE INCREASE

Hi Ben:

Here is a proposal for an ACC rate increase. This is being provided per your request and prices would change based upon number of years between rate increases and required paperwork through the ACC. This is estimated for year ending 2015.

As discussed Dateland Water LLC has not had a rate increase since 1999. Documentation would need to be provided for each year, so estimate 16 years minimum @ 2015.

Review of 16 years would include the annual ACC filings and all purchases \$150.00 and over. Since Dateland Water LLC is a small company I will estimate the review of 16 years to be approximately 120 hours. I would estimate this cost to be a minimum of \$3,000. (120 hours times \$25.00 per hour)

The ACC rate increase paperwork is approximately 32 pages, plus another 32 pages for the previous years. I would estimate this cost to be approximately \$25.00 per page so estimate this cost at \$1,600. (64 pages times \$25.00 per page)

A budget would need to be created which would show the life remaining for each asset, the replacement cost, and the annual estimated expenses. The budget would need to be prepared for 5 years showing (as best as possible) the expenses that are expected to be paid as well as all improvements and equipment replacement costs based upon life expediency. I would estimate that this would take 40 hours so estimate this cost at \$1,000. (40 hours times \$25.00 per hour)

A brief history of the company would need to be written up showing the history of what has happened, an explanation showing where Dateland Water LLC would like to be at this time and the plans for the future. If Dateland Water LLC is trying to obtain finances from grant agencies, WIFA, etc. this would need to be noted. This explanation of information needs to contain all information that will be needed by ACC to make a determination of rates. Since this is an important part of the final determination that ACC will give, time and thought need to be given to this. This can be provided by Dateland Water LLC Owners/Board etc. or by the rate writer. If I provide this service then I would estimate this cost to be **\$500.** (20 hours times \$25.00 per hour)

Lastly I would estimate coping fees for about 80 pages of information times 20 copies, or 1,600 copies. I think Staples charge .05 per copy so estimate this fee to be approximately \$80.00 and mailing fees to be \$50.00 for a total of **\$130.**

Breakdown of fees:

Review of 16 years documentation	\$ 3,000.00
Imputing information on ACC paperwork	\$ 1,600.00
Budget creation	\$ 1,000.00
History and future plans	\$ 500.00
Coping and mailing fees	\$ 130.00
<u>Total of Proposal</u>	<u>\$ 6,230.00</u>

Ben, most rate increase writers will charge approximately \$7,500. Often the customers want review from either an Attorney or a CPA. The best estimate that I can give you would be to estimate a total cost at \$7,500 and this should cover any unforeseen expenses.

Thank you for your consideration.

