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Docket 15-2508-01 Marion Seamons Complaint

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Commissioners,

We are writing this letter regarding the complaint filed by Marion Seamons, Docket #15-2508-01, against Ticaboo Utility Improvement District (TUID)

We have been residents of Ticaboo since 2003, as well as having a business here on Lake Powell, and have gone thru all the ups and downs of living in a small community with generated power. Since we moved in here, we went from \$25 a month for all utilities, since the mining companies controlled the power for their employees, to almost having now power after they closed their doors and left town, to being involved in TUID being formed.

Most all owners in our town are aware of what it takes to “keep the lights on” and have all agreed that if you own property here (well I guess most of us that is), either just land or have a home on a piece of land, then you should have to share in the cost of all the systems, up keep and maintenance, so that when you do come down, everything is operational.

Gone are the days of turning on your lights and water when you want and not paying when you leave and turn your utilities off. For those of us who live here, it is not fair for us to bear those costs year round for those who only come down once in a while. Someone has to pay to make sure the oils get changed in the generators, clear the sewers to the leach field, take meter readings, take the garbage to the dump, take and send water samples so that we have good clean water, repair any part of the systems so that everything is operational, all the time. That all comes at a cost and all who own property here, need to share in that cost year round, an “all for one and one for all” mentality.

Mrs. Seamons just wants to pay for utilities when she is here and not when she is not! Does she expect that clean water just appears, that clean and trust worthy electricity just happens, that here sewer runs all the way only when she decides to come down here? It does not, it takes a lot, all year round, to ensure that all of this happens and all owners have to share in that cost. None of us like paying high utilities but understand that it is necessary due to our location. I don't think the Seamons understand that these complaints are affecting the people who live here and not just TUID.

Her other complaints have been dismissed and now she is grasping at straws so she doesn't have to pay her share saying she didn't receive a letter about a meeting that was taking place. Funny, I have gone to most of these meetings since TUID's inception, and they have been to quite a few, so they are aware of the process and have been given notice about these meetings.

We can say that we have received letters sent out by the District and have also seen them posted. If the Commission decides to nullify the stand by fees, those of us who live here, will have to bear in the cost of the reimbursement of these fees as well as all the Attorneys fees and more than likely it will make the utility costs too high to live here any longer.

I am attaching a letter that we put together in support of TUID and have signatures of some of the residents and rate payers and request the inclusion of this letter and signatures with the above noted complaint docket # as a matter of public record

Please free to contact me if you have any additional questions

Sincerely

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