

March 10, 2010

Ms. Dion Barron

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SERVICE COMMISSION

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Public Service Commission of Utah Water Dept. RECEIVED
160 E. Broadway
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

RE: Rate increase for Hidden Creek Water Company

Dear Sirs,

It was a great shock and disappointment to receive the letter from Hidden Creek Water Company notifying me of our rate increase! I would have hoped the Public Service Commission would have been a better protector to the people for ruthless rate increases. Of all the neighbors affected by this increase no one noticed the tiny one line sentence on the bottom of their regular water bill. What a disappointment that you would consider that one hidden sentence to be of "adequate notice". There was never a discussion or any other indication that this was a subject to be brought forth to the commission by Tracy Tanner.

To live in the Hobble Creek Cottage Development we are required to landscape our one acre yards with approval by the *president of the Hidden Creek Water Company* with landscaping that will easily cost over \$500 per month to maintain. At no time in the landscape design phase was it mentioned by Tracy Tanner that there was a consideration to increase the cost of water and at no time was the required landscape changed to lessen the use of water. Instantly with the notice of this unfair increase our property value dropped substantially because this cost adds a substantial burden to the homeowners. When we purchased our lot from Tracy Tanner we asked her about the possibility of water rate increases and she assured us that the cost would always stay where it was if only minimum increases. This increase makes our home unaffordable.

There are other developments in the Hobble Creek Canyon which use other water systems and they have not had increases. There has been no drought. There has been no catastrophe. The only unexpected occurrence has been the rate increase. I ask the commission to reconsider this approval in order to take time for public input. A rate that is 8 times higher will certainly be the breaking point for many homeowners.

Sincerely,


Dion Barron

Hidden Creek Water Company
 274 Hobble Creek Canyon
 Springville, Utah 84663
 (801) 491-8644 Office
 (801) 491-8645 Fax

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
12/2/2009	1648

BILL TO
Dion Barron

DUE DATE
1/4/2010

ITEM	Description	AMOUNT
Service Fee	Dec. 2009	33.00
Water Useage	Minimum monthly	5.00

12/15/09

A \$5.00 late fee is assessed for payments received after the due date.	Total	38.00
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DATE	INVOICE #
1/1/2010	1670

BILL TO
Dion Barron

DUE DATE
1/31/2010

ITEM	Description	AMOUNT
Service Fee	Jan. 2010	33.00
Water Useage	Minimum monthly	5.00
	1/4/10	

A rate case hearing will be held Jan. 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at 160 E. 300 S.
 Salt Lake City. For more information go to <http://www.psc.utah.gov/utilities/water/waterindx/09244001indx.html>

Total 38.00