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RE: Comments regarding Hi-Country Estates Water Rate Case: Docket No. 13-2195-02

To the Utah PSC,

I previously stated some concerns about the proposed Hi-Country Estates water rates, from the perspective of a stand-by user and well owner. I wanted to re-affirm my position:

- I FULLY support the reserve fund service charge, as it is not based on water usage and was equally applied to all Hi-Country HOA homeowners – we all have an interest in the functional existence of the water company.
- I do NOT support paying for (subsidizing) the water usage of anyone in the HOA. This includes Mr. Dansie and our dear neighbors.

I have no problem sharing in system upgrades and new equipment through providing my stand-by fees as a source of capital. However, I do not feel it is my responsibility to subsidize the cost of the water pumped from the Hi-Country wells.

In addition, I should not be applied an equal cost burden associated with wear and tear of our water system DUE TO PUMPING WATER (this does not include wear and tear due to age, the elements, etc....things I would normally need to pay for to use the system), as I do not cause any of this wear and tear. I like the idea of having a spare car (in the previously stated analogy), as long as I pay for what I get. I realize I must buy the car, which my stand-by fees and reserve fund service charge should fulfill. I shouldn't have to pay for the tires and other spare parts from others driving my spare car around. Once I connect to the system, I will be more than happy to pay for the wear and tear burden I choose to place on the water system.

Please do not force me to provide free water. Please consider lowering the proposed stand-by fees so they more equitably reflect my stake in the water company.

Please consider my thoughts when you reach your judgment regarding providing free water and our final stand-by fee rates. I would appreciate enough financial freedom to allow me to exercise my water rights. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Yours,

Dennis Nelson