

**Service Commission - Heber Power and Light Directors abusing  
in Wasatch County**

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Dear Commissioners,

Last year the residents of Timberlakes Estates, in Wasatch County, outside of Heber City lines, were notified of a change over to Heber Power and Light from Utah Power and Light, we were informed by the PUC that the findings of the study done before allowing HP&L to take over service here would be that there was no significant impact to the residents in Timberlakes (i.e. meaning our bills would remain within the same reasonable amount they were with UP&:). I can tell you that has not been true for us as a household. In this mild winter, our rates have gone up and based on the actions of the board of directors this last month, they will go up even more. I attach the blog of one of the members of the board, who was not allowed to properly participate in discussions about the rate increase.

I ask you to kindly look into the items that are happening here in Wasatch County as it relates to the rates HP&L are now collecting and the increased burden the item in the link will bring to the residents here.

<http://www.heberinformed.org/>

"The governing board over Heber Light & Power is composed of elected officials from Wasatch County, Midway, Charleston, and Heber City; and the chairman of the board is Mayor Dave Phillips. Each member of the board receives a monthly salary of \$466 whether or not they attend board meetings, except for the chairman who receives \$596.

In November last year the board voted to give themselves full-time health benefits worth a total of \$1,687 per month in addition to their monthly pay. This brings the total monthly compensation of each board member up to \$2,153, and after bonuses it makes their annual compensation \$26,400. I'll mention here for the sake of accountability that the board members that voted in support of this new benefit were Heber City Mayor Dave Phillips, Heber City Councilman Benny Mergist, Midway Mayor Connie Tatton, and Charleston Mayor John

Whiting." according to the web site mentioned above.

My father successfully worked for the legal side of Farm Bureau of California for 25 years in matters such as this and advised me to proceed as above to start with. I appreciate you looking into this matter so that those of us already working hard for our monies don't have to support the fact that the Mayors do not have health benefits from their full time jobs.

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Cheers

John



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