

March 10, 2010

RE: Proposed Rate Increase and assessment fees for Pine Valley water users

UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: Mr. & Mrs. John G Black – Owners of Property at

273218

ATTN: Pine Valley Irrigation Company

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Please be advised that my name is John Black and my wife and I own the property at Pine Valley, Utah.

It has come to our attention that the Pine Valley irrigation company is planning to raise the existing water rates up to an additional 46% and impose a onetime assessment that is unknown at this time.

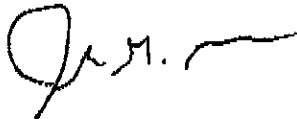
Currently the amount that we are billed (before the increase) for water is already higher than St. George, Santa Clara or Hurricane. If the rate increase is allowed to go through, we will be much higher than anyone else in the whole Washington County.

My wife and I are currently paying non-resident property tax in two homes in Washington County and find these taxes to be the highest of any of the properties that we own. This continued gauging of the retired people that thought that Southern Utah would be a nice place to retire, by Washington County and the associated utilities in an effort to increase revenues instead of making cuts to live within their existing budget, like the rest of the retirees have had to do, is totally unacceptable.

Please accept this letter as our vigorous protest to this issue.

Thank you for your time,

John G. Black



Susan I. Black

