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This is in reference to the Cedar Ridge Water Company hearing on March 22, 2011, at 2:00 PM, docket number 10-2423-02. Since there was no opportunity to voice any concerns from the resident water share holders at that time, we were directed to lodge our individual concerns/complaints to you directly during this part of the application and financial review period of David Z. Thompson, the water Czar of this particular culinary water system in Deweyville, Utah. I will note a few questions and/or concerns below that I have had since I've been a water share holder in Cedar Ridge Water Company, starting in 2008. Bottom line, a cabinet maker does not necessarily qualify as a water system manager;

- There are three (3) water share holders west of Highway 38, that are not part of the Cedar Ridge Subdivision, this would include; Jim Ririer, Eldon Johnson and myself, Dallas Clark. We are required to pay the same rate as everyone else (\$45/month), yet David Z. states that Cedar Ridge Water Company is not responsible for any maintenance issues west of Highway 38. Most are elderly folks and could not absorb an extremely expensive repairing with a water line issue. Why are we paying the same as everyone else with no maintenance?
- David Z. has sold water to Deweyville City/Tremonton City, with a fairly large investment in excavating and pipe to make this connection, claiming that there is more water available in the system than the residents can use... It is not clear to me what the financial gains were to David on this deal. Then he stated that we are using 5 times the amount we were supposed to, and there must be a leak in the system?
- Last year, all water share holders were assessed an additional fee of \$900, with David claiming that he has had an unusual amount of pump repairs lately and this is needed to be collected, net 15 days from the notice. I believe I was among the few that actually paid this amount. I would have assumed that all system repairs, maintenance, and up-keep was supposed to be included in the funds that the \$45/month water fees provided? At that point, the Cedar Ridge Water Company Treasurer, Keith Anderson resigned.
- It would be my observation that the subdivision does not have the fire hydrants positioned properly and there is not enough of them to protect all of our properties in the area. This is a rural area, subject to grass/bush fires and having fire hydrants positioned around the perimeter of the subdivision would be advisable.
- Any legal fees accrued by David Z. Thompson during this review process by the Public Service Commission is not any of the share holders responsibility. It sounds like David had several opportunities to bring this water system in to compliancy with the State, but did not.
- David has threatened to install meters on all share holders water lines, at our expense... I have not observed any water share holders using unusually high amounts of water to maintain their yards, or whatever, at least since I've been a neighbor. I do not believe the meters are a necessity, given the expense and the relatively small scope of this water system's typical demands.

There might be other concerns or questions if I only knew more about the details of the records involved with David Z. Thompson and his management of the Cedar Ridge Water Company. Thanks Shauna and please keep me posted as things develop...DDC

Dallas C. [REDACTED]

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