

Public Service Commission - Mountain Sewer Rate Case Docket # 11-097-03

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To: Utah Public Service Commission psc@utah.gov

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Re: Docket Number 11-097-03

We are residents in the Huntsville area and served by both Mountain Sewer and Lakeview Water corporations. We have lived in our present home for seven years. While we acknowledge that a reasonable increase in rates is warranted for Mountain Sewer, we are opposed to any special assessment or an interim rate increase that attempts to recoup funds that stem from failure of Mountain Sewer to apply the collected revenue to pay the operation costs under the previous owner of Mountain Sewer.

According to the PSC Staff, special assessments are a rare commodity in Utah for utilities (only one example was located by the PSC staff) and the owner in that case could not secure any loans. We ask that the commission carefully weigh the criteria for such an unusual action, along with the needs of the company and the punitive impact of this large assessment on 127 diverse customers.

We feel the new proposed monthly rate is excessive. The new proposed rate of \$57.06 is a 159.4% increase for all customers. We ask that the PSC require Mountain Sewer to explain why the revenue at \$44 (a 100 % increase) a month would not provide adequate net profits and a very good rate of return on investment. We also suggest that the PSC extend any new monthly rate, if granted, over a period of years. We suggest for 3 to 5 years.

A similar tiered approach should apply to any special assessment if it were to be granted by the PSC. We feel this is an unwarranted burden on customers to pay all at

once, or to pay interest on a loan, who have paid their bills faithfully for over the years.

We are opposed to the Mountain Sewer customers paying for any legal fees related to the sale of the utilities or the formal complaint filed by the customers regarding service and billing problems. All of the service problems identified in the formal complaint have been validated, and it is our position that the customers should not be held financially responsible for Mountain Sewer's legal fees associated with the filing and resolution of the complaint.

Respectfully,

Larry Zini
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