

Public Service Commission – Mountain Sewer Docket Number 11-097-03 rate case

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Utah Public Service Representatives,

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My name is Michael Suley and my wife Diane Suley reside at [REDACTED]. We are writing to you in regards to the Mountain Sewer Corp's proposed rate increase and special assessment.

We have lived in Ski Lake Estates since May 2001 (11 yrs.) and have paid our monthly water and sewer bill promptly and in good faith. We paid a large hook-up fee when building, as have all our neighbors.

We do not think it fair to charge us the initial hook-up fee and then come back years later and recharge us a \$ 1300.00 special assessment to cover maintenance issues. We all in good faith provided a fund which apparently has vanished. The documentation of this money is very much in question and needs to be addressed from day 1. This is outrageous and wrong. The purchase of Mountain Sewer should have been a negotiated price adjustment reflecting the necessary updating requirements to the system.

We also feel that we as customers (rate payers) should not be held liable for any of Mountain Sewer's attempts to recoup funds stemming from the prior ownership of Mountain Sewer, legal fee's related to the sale of these utilities or the formal complaint filed regarding service and billing problems.

We both agree that a reasonable monthly rate increase is warranted by Mountain Sewer. We would respectfully ask you to phase these in over a 3-5 year period. A 159 % increase from \$22.00 a month to \$ 57.06 is a substantial monthly increase.

We both retired from Weber County and are on fixed incomes. Giving us a 3-5 year window would let us adjust our budget to better handle these increased " if approved" monthly bills.

We would also like to know how a \$ 1300.00 "special "assessment would be paid. Is it a one-time payment due immediately? Would they put a lien on the homes of customers who could not afford to pay, shut offs, or threatening notices?

We see no real justification for a massive monthly increase and absolutely none for this "special" assessment.

In closing; we would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of us in this matter.

Michael and Diane Suley

May 3, 2012