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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

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In the matter of Community Water Company, LLC

DOCKET NO. 16-098-01

Direct Testimony of Intervenor  
Van J. Martin Concerning Rate  
Increase

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I am pleased and in agreement with the direction that the community water company, with the help of the PSC, has taken. I believe that the change to charge a basic rate of \$33.20/month/customer connection will more fairly distribute the system's operating cost. This change, however, causes me to wonder if decreasing the tiered rate from \$1.25/1000 to \$.30/1000 will not leave the system in a deficit position.

I have seen Bill Grenney's calculations and believe, as he, that unless or until that we get control of water losses the water company still has a very real possibility of spending more than it makes, this because of the expense associated with borrowed water from SWDC.

Could we, together, please revisit the calculations that justified the 75 percent decrease in tiered fees? If the proposed tiered rate structure doesn't at least cover the costs of water production is it not then unfairly placing the burden of overage production on the backs of those who are more conservation conscious?

One other minor issue: that being the assumed 12,000 gal./month/connection as the needed volume of water required. How do we justified this amount and will it, as a base, encourage or discourage the conservation expected by the state?

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of September 2016

Van J. Martin

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I hereby certified that on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 a copy of the foregoing direct testimony of Van J. Martin was emailed to the following:

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