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Public Service Commission of Utah

160 East 300 South, 4th Floor

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Bridgerland Water Company virtual hearing

Dear Sir or Madam,

We were recently informed by Bridgerland Water Company of a hearing to be held February 9, 2022 to request a large rate increase for the water they provide Bridgerland Village and Garden City.

We purchased our property and built our home in March of 2002 in Bridgerland Village. We believe the increase the water company is requesting of 400% is exorbitant and very unfair to the customers they serve. We realize they may have increased cost in operating the water company, and some increase may be needed.

However, in the twenty years we have owned our home, they had one break in their line going to our home which required repair. We use our home year round and have not seen a significant amount of repair work in the subdivision. So this huge cost increase is shocking to us.

The base amount of water the company will provide is only 6,000 gallons, much less than what they will provide Garden City for the same cost. I would like to know why they charge a "Standby Fee" on the 200 vacant lots. These lots receive no benefit for the fee. The lot we own next to our house has never been provided with anything from the water company for the fee we pay.

It seems that the fair way for Bridgerland Water to increase their rates would be a system that charges people for the amount of water they use. For people like us, we do not use excessive water and use no water on the vacant lot. Were it not for the current COVID circumstances we would like to have been in attendance for the Public Witness Hearing, but will observe both parts of the hearings online. Please consider our request to not increase our water cost by such a great amount especially during these difficult economic times.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bourne *Linda S. Bourne*
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