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From: Jimmie Hughes
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To: Ectory R. Lawless
Subject: FW: Docket No 19-00028 Water rate increase for Chalet village

19-00028

Tory,

This email was forwarded to me but needs to be added to the open docket 19-00028 along with the others that have already been added. Let me know if you have any questions.

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To whom It may concern,

Please accept this email as a formal complaint against the Proposed TWS water rate increase.

The proposed increase of 177% is well outside of an acceptable rate increase, even with the phase in plan over 3 years. This increase equates to an inflation rate that is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I concur with several of the other complainants in their assertion that TWS should have had proper insurance on its facilities, and that this burden cannot not be solely carried by the owners/Residents of Chalet Village. The fires of 2016 were devastating to so many both financially and personally, yet many owner/residents chose to rebuild in an effort to return the area to its former glory. Many previous and new owners, like myself, have invested their life savings in rebuilding the area, this is resulting in immediate tax generating revenue to the county by providing sought after over night rentals.

Increasing the water rates by such drastic values will deter further investment, increased operational cost will result in less competitiveness in nightly rates and a reduction in overall income to the county of Sevierville.

Additionally, TWS is attempting to cover a short fall in revenues lost as well as a cost of the infrastructure replacement, however there is no mention of an end date to the rate increase. Once the shortfall is paid back will the rate increase be scaled back?

The owners/residents of Chalet Village are in affect paying for the repair and replace of the infrastructure on the mountain, will this be a tax deductible? It is essentially a Mello-Roos TAX.

Lastly, the increase in rates inevitably will mean an increase in the amount of sales tax paid to the state as well, why does the State benefit from an imposed increase in rates?

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