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Here we go again. Second verse same as the first.

When Limestone Water bought the water system at Candlewood Lakes community, 2 things were most important. 1) a backup power source for the pump to provide water during power disruptions, and 2) a backup well which TDEC had been hounding Candlewood Lakes for over 10 years.

As a sign of good faith, Limestone could/should have installed a backup generator in the first months of ownership to show this community they were competent and able to support us. Needless to say, we do not have a backup power source as of this writing. During the winter storm in February, we did lose power for 4 days, and in addition did without water for 5 days, and endured a boil water alert for 7 days. Poor planning, lack of ability, bad luck. You choose. OOPS

The work on the backup well has been ongoing since January, 2026. The backup well is not operational. Enough said. Double OOPS

The first request for rate increase from Limestone was 67%. TPUC granted 25%. Our rate went from \$40/mo to \$50/mo in non-metered fees. This time Limestone is requesting a 70% increase from \$50/mo to \$85.50/mo. The only question is for what? Nothing has been done to merit that amount.

I'm not driven by ROI, ERU'S, business acumen, legal teams, or other things brought up during this discussion. My wallet guides my thinking.

Outrageous, ridiculous, shameful, and downright greedy.

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