

**FW: water rate hike again!**

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**To:** WATERINFO

**From:**

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**To:** WaterRateBoard

**Subject:** water rate hike again!

To whom it concerns:

As older persons, many of us have been a conservators of all utilities and respectful of the needs of the utilities for upgrades but this increase comes while all other expenses for living are climbing out of control and our retirement funds are dwindling in buying power. Soon many others, like me, will begin to default in payments not because we want to head up a new generation of defaulters but simply because we cannot afford to pay these increased bills.

What you fail to realize is that my generation and those before me did not make 6 figure incomes even at the height of our careers. We planned ahead with savings and pension plans which now are considered as nothing when it comes to retiring even at poverty levels. Many of us are back in the work force not by choice but due to necessity. The minimum wages seniors are paid don't begin to support a 12% increase even spread over 2 years. Consider that we have been 'strong armed' into paying for a medical insurance plan that will increase yearly with our death being the only way to 'opt out' of this enforced form of robbery.

Many of us seniors see the truth of the combined situations which is to put us into 'the debt flow of the nation' which we had no way of preventing. When it comes down to the necessities of life (and water is a necessity to sustain life) it would seem that we are to be put into a financial strangle-hold just to have a glass of water which should be basically free since no one of you can claim the 'invention' of rain, the precursor of the water, for which you wish to over charge those who are just as entitled to it as the 'so called' 'public utilities' commission from whom you seek compliance with your proposal.

If this rate 'hike' goes through, many of us will be returning to the 'old oaken' bucket to collect our share of the rains as they fall and we can well imagine what that would mean when it comes to robbery increasing in the neighborhood.

So please consider the status of those who cannot afford this or any other hike. It's not really a hike for the water, it's rather a hike to make up for mismanagement in many areas of government. Please re-evaluate the management/cause of this proposal.

Sincerely,  
S.D.McGee