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Public Comment

Received public notice if rate increase, although modest increase why any increase? Your services were suppose to go down & stabilize with the consolidation but have not. Why do you still occupy two buildings? Seems unnecessary & costly.

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Public Comment

I am responding to the proposed notice about a rate increase starting on July 1, 2022. I attempted to find information about the proposed increase and reasoning behind this thought on this website but was unable to find the information. Regardless, this is absolutely no time to consider increasing rates! Citizens are faced with devastatingly higher costs in every aspect of their lives, including taxes, energy prices, groceries, and out of control inflation. While I can imagine the administrative costs of Oak Lodge Water Services have increased, now is the time to tighten budgets, increase efficiency, and pass these savings onto customers faced with endless financial pressures. This is the time for government to find ways to cut rates, not increase them. On behalf of the families in this community, I strongly urge you not to pass any rate increases at this time.

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From: [Gregory Smith](#)
To: [Laural Casey](#)
Subject: Proposed rate increase
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 3:16:08 PM

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I'm sending my input for the rate increase.

I went to both public input and supported the water authority becoming an authority we were told that no changes were to be made and things would remain the same at this time.

We certainly didn't expect a rate change less than 30 days of becoming an authority.

If you were aware a rate change was coming it should have been mentioned before the vote. Or, is this rate change due to becoming an authority? It was presented right after we thought we were helping our water services and that it was financially stable. This rate increase makes me feel it is not financially solvent.

The public was not really told the truth when we allowed the water and sewer to become one entity. It was to lower our rates and sell the one property. The rates went up and the property wasn't sold.

Gregory Smith
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Sent from my iPhone

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Public Comment

I am retired and on a fixed income ,I already pay \$151.00 month for water and sewer service . With gas at 5.00 a gallon and groceries going up every week , I can NOT pay more for necessary services ! I am cutting back on so many things now just to make ends meet !! I think you should be coming up with a program for senior discounts instead of increasing our monthly cost !

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From: [Alex Collins](#)
To: [Laural Casey](#)
Subject: Proposed rate increase
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 8:13:27 PM

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Hello, OLWS already charges a facility maintenance fee of about 125.00 plus water usage each bill. So we pay about 180-190 for water services.

Why would you propose a increase For the same services ?

Here is a idea...Maybe some of the TOP management and top earning employee, could take a suspended pay increase, until you folks secure the funds you need for whatever this new proposed increase is for.

Alexa Morris

From: Alex Collins <alexstephencollins@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2022 8:36 PM
To: Alexa Morris
Subject: transition from a District to an Authority

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The facility maintenance fees on top of water usage charges are high enough and now a proposed 4.00 increase ? OLWSD... is this what increased security and stability means ? Increased rates and fees for customers for the exact same services? This statement (below) means nothing to us. STOP RAISING OUR RATES!!!!

We're pleased to be able to provide the benefit of increased security and stability for our customers through this process.

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Public Comment

With inflation skyrocketing and the price of gasoline going out of sight, I am against any rate hikes. It also appears that there will be food shortages this summer and fall which will cause the price of food to go even higher. We need to get our national economy back on track before we start pushing more people homeless.

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Public Comment

I would like to say that an increase in water rates of \$4.60 at this time of inflation of prices across the board is inappropriate and excessive. Now is not the time for this size of increase and it should be delayed for at least 6 months. If a water authority board is approved another rate increase will follow.

I disapprove of this rate increase.

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Public Comment

As we are facing over 10% inflation with regards to food and gas, how do you justify a 22% increase to the bi monthly billing. People are on fixed incomes and having an increase of \$9.20 to our water bill is outrageous (\$4.60 monthly). You are not a large organization and to have this type of increase is going to hurt your customer base needlessly. Whereas last years increase was \$2.62 totally for 2 months was reasonable, this increase is unreasonable. Also I can not find any information about what this increase is to pay for. You are not being transparent.

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Public Comment

I think before we talk about increasing the rates even \$4.60, we need to address the "contaminated water" situation going on in Clackamas County. It's like buying a moldy product.

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Public Comment

To all whom it may concern. I am aware of the rising costs of doing business during our pandemic. These costs have been more than needed and I believe are being fueled by power and greed. Is it really necessary to increase our monthly rates again? As the rates went up soon after the new meter upgrades were put in 2 years ago. Are we as a society going to continue to increase costs as such that our children cannot afford to pay such costs?

My current bill is almost \$90 per month. I am on a fixed income but cannot receive assistance because the amount I receive does not qualify.

However, there are less unfortunate people that cannot afford even another dollar increase per month. So with that being said. I am not for an increase but rather a decrease. Is that possible?

Respectfully, J.Burk

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Public Comment

The \$4.60 rate increase is too high to put onto average residential customers bill!!!

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From: [michael swyter](#)
To: [Sue Keil](#); [Laural Casey](#)
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President Keil,

I've been very happy to praise the Board for their public communications regarding the switch to the Authority, and contacted the previous President and the BCC twice to do so.

Can't say the same in terms of a proposed rate increase. Nothing posted on the website, even though we're just days away from a public hearing regarding an extraordinarily poorly timed increase. Ratepayers are getting squeezed like they haven't been in decades due to an extraordinary inflationary environment. Instead of hearings regarding how the Authority can cut costs, the management and Board have decided they will, once again, raise rates.

It's becoming pretty clear that there is a clear lack of either financial expertise or sense of fiduciary duty toward the ratepayers on the part of the Board. There are those who said that the General Manager's previous work experiences had not prepared her in terms of her obligation to the district's ratepayers, it appears that may be the case as well.

The Board should use the same diligence they used to marvelously communicate to the ratepayers when switching to an Authority in looking at ways to contain costs in this critical time. The ratepayers deserve nothing less.

Thank you,
Mike Swyter