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OBVIOUS QUESTION: IF THE ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS LOSING SUBSTANTIAL INCOME AS CLAIMED, THEN WHY, WHEN WANTING TO PURCHASE THE SYSTEM, THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN WAS CONFRONTED BY SUCH A HIGH PRICE THAT THE CITY GAVE UP ON THE NEGOTIATION?

THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CLAIMS TO BE LOSING MONEY (OR NOT MAKING ENOUGH) AND YET DELIBERATELY MADE ANY SALE IMPOSSIBLE WHEN IT WOULD HAVE RELIEVED THEM OF ALL THEIR "LOSSES" AND PROBLEMS!

PROBABLY, WHEN CONSIDERING HOW TO RAISE MONEY FROM THE HOME OR CONDOMINIUM OWNERS THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY WAYS TO DO SO, CONSIDERING ALL OTHER CHARGES BEING FROZEN BY THE ORIGINAL OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS. APPARENTLY THE IDEA IS TO GET ALL THE INCREASES YOU CAN POSSIBLY GATHER FROM THE WATER/WASTEWATER CHARGES.

WE SINCERELY URGE YOU TO REVIEW THIS AND PROBABLY MANY OTHER CONCERNS AND COME TO (WE HOPE) A NEGATIVE RATE INCREASE CONCLUSION.

Thanks for considering,

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3. EVEN MORE - A BIGGIE !

MAJOR SALARY INCREASES ASKED FOR WHO OR WHOM?

WELL, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENTED PAPER, TWO

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STAFF. **NOT**

NECESSARILY EITHER ONE WORKING ON THE

WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEM SIDE OF THINGS!

A MIND BOGOLING \$70,000 OVER CHARGE REQUEST!

FOR JUST THESE THREE SUBMISSIONS, A GRAND TOTAL OF \$89.000

FOR MISLEADING COSTS AND/OR REQUESTS!

4. MAINTENANCE OF THE REMOVED WASTEWATER MACHINERY

THIS IS A SMALL PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE CLUBHOUSE

WHICH IS NOW USED ONLY FOR TRASH SORTING, REMOVAL AND

YARD CREW TRUCKS, ETC. **IN NO WAY HAS THIS (EASY TO VIEW)**

YARD HAD ANY - LONG AGO REMOVED - WASTEWATER

MACHINERY GROUND WORKED ON BY ANYONE OR ANYTHING!

ALL IN ALL, THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE OBVIOUS INCREASE AND

EVIDENCE REQUESTS OR SO CALLED EVIDENCE PRESENTATIONS

FROM THE 122 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.

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IN REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS - 122 PAGES - SUBMITTED FOR THE WATER/WASTEWATER INCREASE, MAJOR VERY QUESTIONABLE ITEMS SEEM TO BE PUBLISHED ONLY TO TRY TO CONVINCING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO APPROVE AN OVERALL 27+% RAISE FOR THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND THUS MORE INCOME FOR THE ORCHID PRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

1. MOWING THE OLD WASTE WATER POND

12 TIMES PER YEAR AT \$500 EACH, \$6,000 YEARLY ASKED FOR ACTUALLY ONLY 8 TIMES NEEDED AS PER SEVERAL YEARS OF THIS BEING DONE, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF ONLY ABOUT \$1,700 PER YEAR.

A \$4,000+ PLUS OVER CHARGE REQUEST !

2. BUT MORE, \$10,000 APPARENTLY PAID TO CONSULTANTS AND, ANOTHER \$5,000 ASKED FOR.

ARE CONSULTANTS REALLY NEEDED TO ADVISE ON A HIGHLY REGULATED WATER/WASTE WATER SYSTEM TIGHTLY TIED INTO THE WINTER HAVEN SYSTEMS. AND IN FACT, DID THEY ACTUALLY ADVISE RE: THE WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEM??

A VERY DOUBTFUL ! \$15,000 PLUS OVER CHARGE REQUEST !

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Lets look at the meat of the proposed increase notice.

MONTHLY WATER RATES

Base Facility Charge **A 34+ % Increase**
Charge per 1,000 gallons **A 34+ % Increase**

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes **A 25+ % increase**
Charge Per 1,000 gallons **A 25+ % Increase**

OVERALL THIS AMOUNTS TO A 27+ % OVERALL INCREASE

Lets look at existing costs, vs, proposed costs, vs. Winter Haven

	Orchid Springs	Orchid Springs	Winter Haven
	NOW	PROPOSED	OUTSIDE CITY
USAGE			
2,000 Gal	\$ 49.98*	\$ 63.70*	\$ 36.57
4,000 Gal	\$ 65.36*	\$ 83.24*	\$ 54.13
6,000 Gal	\$ 80.74*	\$ 102.78*	\$ 71.69

*** Plus "Sales Tax**

Those to suffer the most are unfortunately the LEAST users of water! This is because of the proposed Base Facility Charges - \$30.77 for Wastewater - and \$13.39 for Water - PLUS a 10% SALES TAX ON WATER. (???) all have to be paid even if no water is used. A total of \$47.24 which must be paid, EVEN IF NO WATER/WASTEWATER IS USED - NOT A DROP! HARD TO IMAGINE !

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