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Comment: I was not in attendance at the hearing but I note is comments filed thereafter that people are questioning the increase in hours spent by applicant employees. As I pointed out in my original comments the business is run in the most inefficient manner possible; I.E. handwriting bills, manually logging meter reading, etc.. It must be noted that the utility is run as much as a source of employment for applicant's son and daughter-in-law. It used to be that 4 businesses were run out of the office, two development companies and two water companies. Both of the development companies are essentially closed, one has 3 lots remaining.

The second point with respect to e salaries is the use of BLS wage rates. As the BLS website note the Idaho numbers are mostly extracted from national numbers as the Idaho data is insufficient to provide valid results on their own. Further the rate is state-wide. Thus the high salaries in the Southeast portion of the state are really not applicable to Kootenai County. And to pay those rate foe someone to write numbers on a post card can't be valid under any source of the imagination.

One last point which I am sure the PUC would say is none of their business concerns the 50hp pump. A year or so ago the customers of the water company were advised that, if there were a fire in the development, they should shut off all their water so that there would be sufficient water pressure to fight the fire.

If this ere known to the various homeowner insurers coving the property I would not be surprised to see adverse consequences in HO premiums. Why should this not be considered in any rate action; I.E. no increase until the system is adequately improved.

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