



August 25, 2020

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
Commission Secretary  
P.O. Box 8370  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case Number SUZ-W-20-01

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of Case Number *SUZ-W-20-01* which would eliminate charging the CIAC tax to new development projects. I am the managing partner of Avimor Development, a 23,000-acre development located north of Eagle along HWY 55. Avimor has spent roughly six and half million dollars extending the Suez main water line from Hidden Springs/Seaman's Gulch area to the development for purposes of potable water; along with another two million on distribution lines and the construction of a water tank. While our current Village 1 utilizes Suez water, this increased tax has forced us to pursue different options such as ways to utilize our current water rights to create a separate potable water system. If this tax were to be eliminated then we would be more apt to continue to use Suez water as our potable water source within the development, thus increasing their customer base by thousands of homes.

Development in a foothills environment can result in more costly infrastructure than in other types of terrain resulting in higher costs. These higher costs have gone up considerably as a result of the new tax Suez has been collecting in recent years. In the phases completed since implementation of the tax collection and phases planned for the next few years these costs have been and are anticipated to continue to average over \$2000 per lot. This results in a significant increase in home costs which eliminates many of our local home buyers from the market. It has always been our goal to provide an affordable product for the hometown marketplace. This tax creates a major financial obstacle for those hoping to buy their first homes.

I appreciate your consideration to eliminate the CIAC fee charged by Suez. We are all looking for ways to make housing more affordable and by eliminating this fee would go a long way in helping this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Richter', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan Richter