

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Donna Lebetsamer
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Name of Utility Company: CDS Stoneridge Utilities

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "As a retired resident of the community on a fixed income, I am concerned that the application has been created to appear that there is a need for a 261-543% increase through manipulation of the numbers by CDS Stoneridge Utilities. The Golf Course is owned by the same people as the Water and Sewer Companies and it appears that mismanagement is the root of this request.

We moved into this community because it was affordable. We purchased our lot in 2007 and have never seen increases to this level until this owner took possession of the community.

This increase represents 65 years of a 4% COLA! The average cost of water in the state of Idaho is \$38.00 yet, CDS Stoneridge Utilities is looking to increase ours by considerably than double the average.

I ask that you carefully consider each document. One example of many concerns is that there is a plan to make 20 lots "meter ready". (Attachment W) Each of these lots is owned or, more likely, these lots are owned by one of the companies associated with CDS and the responsibility for that cost should be the owner of the property with fees determined by the IPUC.

I also noticed that CDS Stoneridge Utilities has also filed a request SWS-W-23-02 to increase the fees for new building meter connections mostly due to increased contractors costs for installation. It might be pertinent to note that when our water meter was installed in 2019, it was Stoneridge staff who installed the meter and not an outside contractor.

Please don't allow this owner to put all of the burden of their mismanagement onto the backs of a community of mostly fixed income residents.

A 261-543% rate increase is unconscionable!
Thank you for considering my input."

Name: Bob and Cathryn Rapalli
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Name of Utility Company: CDS StoneRidge Utilities, LLC

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "We received a notice from CDS StoneRidge Utilities advising that they are seeking approval for 261% - 543% increase in the monthly user charge for water. We find this type of increase to be exorbitant and preposterous. We are on a very fixed income and the Social Security COLA received for 2024 was a mere 3.2%. We are hopeful that the Idaho PUC would see that CDS is price gouging their customer base and if any price increases are granted that those price increases would align with the Federal CPI of 3.1% and no more than that.
Thank you."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Stoneridge Utilities, LLC

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "We can not believe that they want to raise our water bill by 261%! We are retired and on a fixed income. It appears that the company is mismanaged. They had seven years since the ownership was transferred to fix any problems. I can see a small increase, but this emormous increase is unreasonable!

Please don't allow them to make this incredible increase! Thank you."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: CDS Stoneridge Utilities

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "We just got a notice about a possible huge rate increase! This is totally unacceptable and not affordable at all. Most of us are on a fixed income and this will bring hardship to several owners in this community!!!!!"

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Helena, ID 59601

Name of Utility Company: Stoneridge utilities

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "Hello. I have a home at 270 Stoneridge Rd.
In regards to the purpose rate increase. I hope you will reject it. Past dealings with the owner give me pause when determining whether his reasons are legitimate.

It's my understanding that the owner of Stoneridge Utilities is also the owner of the Stoneridge golf course. If his reasoning is that he is not getting revenue from the golf course, then it seems he is simply giving his golf course the water for free and trying to saddle the residents with the cost. It is a self inflicted wound. Also, If the utility has not turned a profit since he bought it, then he may want to look at management practices.

At the very least, I hope you would audit the company and see where else he may be fudging the numbers and only approve an increase based on real usage, (including fair value for golf course irrigation) and actual improvements that went to THIS water utility and not any of the other utilities or marinas or other businesses he owns in the region.

I hope you will give a resounding "no" on this rate increase, and If you need suggestions for where he can put his rate increase, I would be happy to give you the short list.

Thank you
Joe Thomas"
