

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: StoneRidge Utililties LLC

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "I would like to request a public meeting in Blanchard so we can get the correct information on the rate increase requested by this company. We need to hear from an official of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission regarding our rights and obligations regarding this matter. Thank you for your time"

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Stephan Rezac
Submission Time: Mar 22 2024 9:26AM
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Name of Utility Company: CDS StoneRidge

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "In the proposed rate change notice to users, dated February 28, 2024, CDS StoneRidge claims to have made "more than \$900,000" in investments in the water utility. Yet, none of the key components have changed. The wells (two, with a third collapsed and not functioning), pumps, pipes, chlorine injection systems, etc...the main components of the system...remain unchanged since the utility was purchased by CDS StoneRidge. What was the \$900,000+ used for? I suspect it was money added to reserves/equity/capital that the owner must record as owner's equity, a finding already adjudicated by IPUC. This \$900,000+ should not be recouped from the utility users.

Also, CDS StoneRidge cites as reasons for a rate change the need to replace 3 pump motors, to install backup generators, to purchase a pickup and a 4-wheeler (that he currently leases from another company the utility owner owns, Esprit Enterprises), and to pay for connection costs to lots the utility owner owns (why should users pay to connect his properties)? This is further proof that the owner has not made investments into the utility infrastructure...at least, the \$900,000+ was not used for these items.

Also, the employees all appear to be part time at best, reflected in their duties and the utility office hours (utility office hours are listed as 9 AM - 2 PM Monday -Thursday). So the overall overhead claimed needs to be investigated and audited, too.

The utility, with various owners, has been around for decades, long enough for various assets to have depreciated to zero. Yes, the assets have value, but via accepted accounting principles, assets depreciate eventually to a zero financial statement expense. All related assets of Esprit and CDS StoneRidge should be reviewed and audited.

On its face, the requested price increase is laughable. The application for a rate increase should not be considered or approved until an accurate, honest, complete and evidence based application is submitted to IPUC.

Thank you."

Name: Stephan Rezac
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Name of Utility Company: CDS StoneRidge

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "On March 20, 2024, CDS StoneRidge filed with IPUC a "Marked Up Tariff No. 5." Contained in this filing were proposed rates that are different than what was sent to utility users in a notice dated February 28, 2024.

Most notably, there is now a proposed TIERED PRICING change for a commodity charge not included in the notice to users. This would affect most residences/users as it applies to 3/4" and 1" meters. The commodity charge would now be \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons for 0-9,999 gallons; \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons for 10,000-19,999 gallons; and \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons for 20,000+ gallons. This increases the rate increase well beyond the already ridiculous 261% - 543% increase previously noticed. The initial rate increase request increased the commodity charge from \$0.79 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons. Now, we find even higher tiered pricing!

The utility owners are now appearing to be beyond greedy...there was no included reasoning or justification for the increase in the March 20 "Marked-Up Tariff No. 5."

"Marked-Up" is an understatement.

Please deny any rate request from CDS StoneRidge in its entirety.

Thank you!"

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Stoneridge Utilities

Case ID: SWS-W-24-01

Comment: "I would like to request a Workshop in person regarding this case."

From: Daryl Heinly <deheinly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:08 PM
To: secretary
Subject: SWS-W-24-01

Good afternoon. I am a resident owner located at 242 Par Loop, Blanchard, ID 83804. I would like to put my request forward to ask the IPUC committee to hold a local meeting in Blanchard to discuss the request filed by Stoneridge Utilities LLC regarding raising their water rates to its users. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Daryl E Heinly
242 Par Loop, Blanchard, ID 83804
Daryl Heinly

From: David Unruh <david_unruh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:22 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Public Hearing case ID SWS-W-24-01

I am writing to you regarding case ID SWS-W-24-01 and asking that you please consider holding a public hearing on this matter in the Blanchard area. I would also ask that you consider doing a forensic audit on the business practices of the gentleman that owns the water company at issue.

Thank you so very much.

Dave Unruh
