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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely yours

*Bill Marconi*

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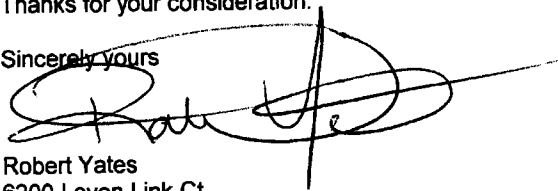
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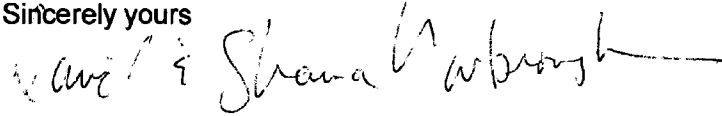
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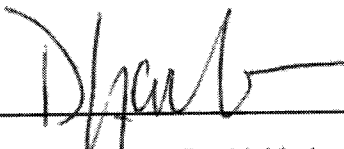
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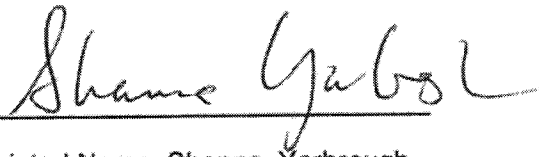
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In recalculating our water and sewer bills for the previous twelve months, we found that our billings would increase by some \$1,000.00 per year during the third year the rates are in effect. This is an increase of 58% over the present

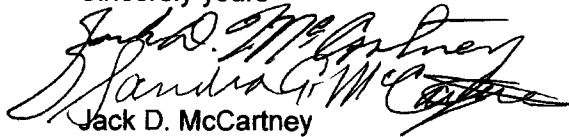
rates from January 2016 going forward. Double Diamond Utilities last filed for an increase in its water rates effective December 27, 2008 and for an increase in its sewer rates effective May 1, 2009. A settlement on the rate increases for water and sewer service in The Retreat was made on July 27, 2010.

It is difficult for us to understand how such increases are justified since growth on the water and sewer systems has been less than 10 residential homes per year over the last five years and no commercial businesses have been added. Water is still supplied from two existing wells on the development and no significant expansion of the sewer treatment facility has occurred.

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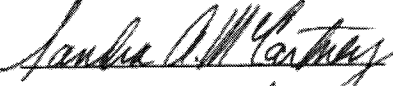
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