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Dear PUC

I, being a concerned consumer, am sending you this letter to express my displeasure with the "public" meeting on March 28th, held by the Brunson's concerning their proposed water rate increase.

Let me recap the meeting:

It started with approximately 30 attendees present. Mr. Brunson started talking first and gave a 30-minute history of Rio Concho water and the "Ma & Pa" water companies in Texas. During this time, he also told us of large "Out of State" water companies that have bought up these smaller companies and have since been able to raise the rates to an exorbitant level. This came after assuring us that the Brunson's have no intentions of selling the water system.

During the second half of the one-hour meeting, Mr. Brunson, along with his accountant, expressed the need for this huge increase without giving any numbers or items as examples to justify it. Mr. Brunson and his accountant were positive that "their numbers will hold up with the PUC" because certain items had been moved to other columns, (expense items moved to capitalization). Questions were asked, and neither Mr. Brunson nor his accountant could give any rational explanation of how they had come up with the % of rate increase request.

Basically we were being told to "accept this increase as is, "but feel free to protest". However: if you do. Your rates will go up even higher, by \$30,000.00 for lawyer and accountant fees next time."

To top it off, Mr. Brunson, on numerous occasions, would not give ANY assurances that they would not be back in 12/15 months for another rate increase.

In my opinion, and many others, this was a meeting to scare their customers away from the protest process in fear of much higher rates in the future.

Sincerely



Roy R. Geer