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**RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 TO CHANGE RATES.**

**List of issues to be addressed in the docket:**

1. The decision of the MUD #1 to change water/sewer rates for my RV Park. The rate change was effective March 17, 2017. On April 7, 2017, the ratepayers were notified by the service provider of this increase, by the posting of a "revised bill". The old rates were twenty-five dollars for the first three thousand gallons and two dollars for the next seven thousand gallons, plus a sewage charge of eight dollars for the first three thousand gallons and one and one-half dollars per thousand gallons thereafter. Thus, our bill for February in our 24-space park, using 29,000 gallons was \$153. In March, when we only used half as much water (13,000 gallons) we received our new bill pursuant to a "special meeting" which increased our cost per gallon by more than **one thousand percent**. To summarize, our bill went from \$153 to \$1,032 for half the water usage.
2. We are the sole signatories to the petition because we are one of only two RV Parks in Edroy, Texas. We are informed that only seven other commercial connections exist. To our knowledge, all other customers are paying the same as before, except, perhaps the other RV Park which was established in 2013. The upshot of this increased bill is that we are paying in excess of ten times the gallonage cost of the other commercial establishments. The MUD justifies our singled out increase by treating each RV parking space as a "commercial connection". We view this as unreasonable and unjust.
3. The MUD also stated in their letter that they are limiting all RV Parks to 10 spaces unless otherwise approved. At the time that I received their letter my RV Park had 24 spaces. We would like to know if the MUD has the authority to limit the land use, considering we have a commercial water meter and are zoned accordingly.

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