

To: White Bluff Rate Payers

From: WBRP Committee

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It has been several weeks since we last sent out an update. We are certainly due. On the other-hand, none of us on the committee, nor do I, believe you really want to be bothered with these issues around the Holidays. Last, we wrote about the serious need to gather donations to pay a very large legal bill (\$25,999) that we had incurred. I am very proud to say that our neighbors and friends in White Bluff have never let us down. We had \$13,000 to start and were able to accept donations to pay this bill along with \$5000 in matching funds, and also get within \$2,000 of qualifying for the next \$10,000 match from the WBPOA. This is absolutely amazing. I cannot personally express how this makes us feel on this committee to know that we have this kind of financial and personal support from our community. Right now, I believe we have several thousand dollars whereby we can pay any small upcoming invoices that may come in around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We are, as I said earlier, very close to the next \$10,000 match. As always, I will lead the charge with another \$200 donation to the cause.

You may be wondering where we are on this case. All the hard work that is necessary I believe has been accomplished. We are waiting now on the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to review the case and make a "proposal for decision" (PFD) and then it will go before the PUC Board near the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The key objective is to be granted a "Rate Base" by the PUC. This means that from now on any future water/sewer rate increase cases can not be relitigated as to the cost of the original White Bluff infrastructure. Any rate increase would have to be granted based on new infrastructure and verified increase in expenses.

If you would like to donate to the cause, and we hope you do, you may send a check to "WBRP" PO Box 37 Whitney, Texas 76692, also you may drop a check off at the WBPOA office just outside the front gate. If you prefer real convenience, you may use Paypal. Go to the WBPOA website [www.whitebluffpoa.com](http://www.whitebluffpoa.com) and click on the link to the WBRP. Go to the bottom of the page and click on "Donate". As always, thank you so much for your continued support.