

September 14, 2016

TO: White Bluff Home Owners
FROM: John Bass, VP
White Bluff POA Board of Directors

RE: Water/Sewage rate Increase

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to file a protest against the proposed rate increase by Double Diamond Utilities. If you have not yet filed a protest, please do so immediately. The deadline is October 1st. Drop by the Administration Building and Yvonne will be happy to file your protest form and submit it to the PUC in Austin. She will also make the required ten copies and/or provide you with a new form in case yours has been misplaced.

Now to an even more important item- needed funds for financing our protest with the Public Utilities Commission. It takes more than protest forms to keep DD Utilities from increasing our rates "permanently" by almost 45%. It takes significant funds over an extended period of time. The PUC does not move very fast.

We have contracted with a Rate Specialist (Nelisa Heddin Consulting) and an Austin law firm (Matthews and Freeland) that we used on our last successful fight. Now, it's time to pull out your checkbook and join your neighbors in funding this effort.

Please write your check today! We are asking for a minimum contribution of \$100 and ask that you consider contributing more. Your POA Board has passed a motion that the POA will contribute \$1 for every \$1 donated. So, a \$100 donation will actually put \$200 into the fund. Don't wait; write your check today. But before you do, think about what this increase could do to your rates. If your bill is \$100/month, it will go to roughly \$145/month or more. That's an increase of \$540/year forever!

Make your check out to- White Bluff Rate Payers

**Mail your check to- White Bluff POA
P.O. Box 37
Whitney, TX 76692**