

December 5, 2016

TO: White Bluff Rate Payers
FROM: John Bass VP White Bluff POA Board of Directors

RE: Water/Sewer Rate Increase

On November 22, 2016, the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) Staff entered a pleading with the ALJ (Administrative Law Judge) which agrees with our (WBRP) position that the effective date of the DDU (Double Diamond Utilities) Water Rate Application rate increase should be suspended. It is suspected that once the ALJ rules on this a 90 (ninety) day suspension of the effective date of the application will be granted. This would mean that your water rate would return to the old rates and the extra you have paid will more than likely be refunded. This is a significant short term accomplishment by your WBRP Committee, your Rate Expert, Nelisa Heddin, and your legal staff, Mr. Joe Freeland of Matthews and Freeland, LLP. Although this is a milestone, we fully expect DDU to re-file an amended application with much more credible numbers and metrics. In other words, the war isn't over. This could likely be a lengthy process. But we hope not.

For those of you who have already contributed \$100 to our community's efforts on this matter, should the ALJ rule in our favor, your savings in the next few months may come close to your \$100 contribution. You will be close to even, money wise. For those of you have not yet contributed please seriously consider doing so. You too will be saving roughly the \$100 in the reduced rates. Either way, if you do nothing and DDU prevails in this rate increase you will be paying for it for many years to come. A little sacrifice now will pay thousands and thousands of \$\$\$\$\$ in the future. Send your contributions to WBRP, P.O. Box 37, Whitney, Texas 76692.

Thank you for your consistent support,

Your WBRP Committee
Marshall Snyder
John Upchurch
Scott Shelton
John Bass

P.S. As I write this Mr. Freeland has sent via email the ruling from the ALJ. The DDU Water Rate Application has been suspended for 90 Days.