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DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2024
DOCKET NO.: W-1226 Sub 4
COMPANY: Fairfield Water Company
DESCRIPTION: In the Matter of Application of Fairfield Water Company for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water Utility Service in Fairfield Water's Service Area in Henderson County, North Carolina

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Message

My name is Marti Rimbault and I, along with my husband Kevin Rimbault, own LRH Properties, LLC. LRH Properties owns 2 of the 11 quadruplexes served by the Fairfield Water Company. We are opposed to the proposed rate increases for water service at Fairfield Apartments. When the rates increased in October 2019, each quadruplex saw an increase of 75% or more from the previous rate. The newly proposed rate represents another 72%+ increase, resulting in a monthly water bill of almost \$75 per apartment which is almost as much as the average Duke Energy bill for each unit! (The apartments are 2 bedroom, 2 bath units built around 1984.) Each quadruplex is served by only one meter; the church also has a single meter. The quadruplexes are receiving no more value-added service than the single-metered church, yet we are being charged 4X the cost as a base rate. There have been no system upgrades (within the complex) and it is difficult to comprehend how a monthly meter reading can justify a \$230.28 base charge per building. It makes more sense to charge a base rate PER METER and to charge a slightly higher charge for water usage. Another concern that we have is that we did not receive notice of this proposed rate increase until May 3, 2024 (by regular US Mail), only 4 days before any protests are due to the Commission. We strongly recommend against the proposed increase, and would like to see a more reasonable rate for these apartments. It will be difficult to pass these rate increases on to our tenants who now live in very reasonably priced apartments in this area. Thank you for your consideration. We would like to speak at the hearing on May 17th. Sincerely, Marti Rimbault (828)243-8074

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