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From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 9:54 AM
To: Leighton, Adele
Subject: FW: Eastman Sewer Company Rate Increases And Associated Financing-Pre-Hearing 10/29/08

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account regarding Docket No. DW 08-086, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc.

--Kim

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From: Alan Tanenbaum [mailto:alantanenbaum@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2008 5:42 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Eastman Sewer Company Rate Increases And Associated Financing-Pre-Hearing 10/29/08

I have been a full-time, year-round resident of Eastman since December, 2000. Apparently the Eastman Sewer Company failed to project it's capital and system improvement needs over a long period of time and now seeks to capture revenue that should have been part of the continuing management process. The excuse for these rate increases as presented by Eastman Sewer Company is that rates have not increased for 16 years. I submit that the failure to project long-term needs and adjust rates upward accordingly and gradually is their problem and ought not be passed on to the residents in the form of sudden and massive rate increases.

The rate increases proposed are nothing short of unconscionable especially at this time of general economic downturn. My family has had to defer needed improvements to our home because moneys have had to be diverted to meeting day-to-day living expenses. Eastman Sewer Company should be told to adopt the same approach and return with moderate rate increases over a period of time. In addition, given the current credit crunch, I find it difficult to believe that Eastman Sewer Company will be able to secure financing as it proposes for system improvements for the next two years. I am concerned that Eastman Sewer Company will come back to the Commission with requests for additional rate increases to cover what they cannot finance.

I am opposed to the above-subject matters.

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