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Re: Case#2004-00029

Dear Mr. Dorman:

This letter is written in support of the Oldham County Sewer District and its purchase of the treatment plants in Willow Creek Subdivision and Orchard Grass Hills. I am a resident of Orchard Grass Hills and formerly lived in Willow Creek for 15 years. I have represented the people of Orchard Grass and Willow Creek for over 10 years ... even in front of your commission. (I'm sure they remember me ☺.)

These 2 plants have approximately 1050 connections. 710 are in Orchard Grass and 340 in Willow Creek. Both plants are in Oldham County. In Willow Creek, there was a question as to where the county line was. About 30 years ago the fiscal Courts of Jefferson and Oldham County entered into an inter-local agreement establishing a county line through Willow Creek. Approximately 2/3rds of the subdivision is in Oldham County.

The sewer district has purchased 10 plants. They like Orchard Grass and Willow Creek have suffered from deferred maintenance. On January 6, 2004, the Oldham County Fiscal Court adopted a rate of \$7.67 a month and \$3.20 per thousand gallons of water used. This rate was for about 4,000 current customers of the Sewer District. It will generate \$1.4 million for the District. \$250,000 of this is for fixing and upgrading the sewer plants. The addition of another 1050 customers should allow us to lower the rate. A rate of \$7 a month and \$3 per thousand might be in order. Fiscal Court is supposed to review the rate in July, after the PSC has approved the purchase of Orchard Grass and Willow Creek. This rate protects the people that use less water such as those in Willow Creek and has those that use more water....pay for that treatment.

As a member of the Oldham County Fiscal Court, I can tell you that the community supports the transfer of private treatment plants to the Sewer District. Public ownership permits both regionalization and public accountability at the local level (which is more responsive.)

It is in the best interest of the residents of Willow Creek and Orchard Grass to have these plants owned and operated by a public agency. They get better service for less money when the greed factor of a for-profit company is not factored into the equation. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 502-241-5611 home or 502-643-7774 cell.

Respectfully,

  
Rick Rash