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Motion to Intervene

I received a public notice in the mail about the proposed change to the manufactured housing community residents and the way their water is billed. I live in one of these homes and I would like to point out some things that I would like you to consider in making this decision.

1. We live in "trailers" because we cannot afford to live in a house either by renting or owning. So the fact that we live in mobile homes should stand for the fact that we are low income. We've already been told by the park owner back when this first began that our water bill "may" get more expensive if this is passed. This is understandable considering they're going to have to do the work that the water company once did. They'll have to pay one bill and collect from each tenant just as they do the rent. That is not their job.
2. I fear that instead of billing each individual home for their own water consumption that the owners of the park will bill the same amount for the water usage. If this does happen it means that just as renters in an apartment complex where the water is included we would have to be regulated as in no use of pools or over excessive use of water. I have 3 children and two of them are very small and in the summer months we use around \$65 of water and \$20 of that is for their swimming pool. I won't be able to stay in this park if my sons can't even use their pool. I will have to eventually find another place to live.
3. We will have to rely on the mobile home park owners to regulate the cost of our water consumption and to charge us for their effort, whatever they feel their effort is worth. Already these people have much more money than we have or they wouldn't own the park and second of all a dollar to them is much less of a dollar than it is to us so I doubt they will be fair or even understand what it's like to be low income.

Sure it will make things easier on the water company. Yet again, someone who has a lot more money than we have is going to get a break. But the burden will lay on the park owners and then us as the residents. The water company should do what the water company does and that's bill residents for water consumption. All the residents. I don't see why that should change considering that IS the role of the water company. Why should they get a break that lays the burden on the park owners and the expense on the home owners? I'm not sure how these proposals work and this is the first one I've ever had to respond to but in anybody's book that is wrong and not fair for the burden to be shifted.

The water company will still be there billing the houses and apartments but not us. Please leave the burden of billing and collecting bills for water consumption to the person whose jobs it is to do the billing and lay the burden where it should be. In the hands of the Water company.

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Concerned mobile home owner