

Avo Davidian - DWP Rate Increase

From: <HorowitzTextiles@aol.com>
To: <Avo.Davidian@lacity.org>
Date: 9/28/2007 8:08 PM
Subject: DWP Rate Increase

Dear Avo Davidian,

I have received information outlining DWP Rate Increases. I am shocked on how much more my electric and water bill is going to be if you OK this new three tiered plan. I would expect a 25% increase on my water and power bill. That computes to an additional \$50.00 per month in the winter months and \$75.00 per month in the summer months. That kind of gouge rate increase is outrageous.

Living in the West Valley since 1985 makes me aware of how hot it gets each year. It is getting hotter because of the change in our environment and you the powers to be are not taking into account what this rate increase represents for your ratepayers located in the hottest area of the city. DWP is taking advantage once again of this situation. You want to turn us upside down and shake every quarter from us.

All I hear is how DWP needs to repair the infrastructure of our electric system and Public Works Bureau of Sanitation needs to repair the sewer system and filtration plants. What has happened to all of the monies collected in the previous years? DWP union has forced the highest L.A. agency salaries for unskilled workers. They will not hire new help and 40 % of workforce will retire in 5 years. Unskilled worker jobs have gone to higher costing sub contractors. Public Works Bureau of Sanitation has been collecting well over \$500 million dollars per year for the sewer service charge portion located on page two of DWP bills. They pay high salaries for unskilled workers and over priced sub contractors. The mayor every year takes 60 million from the funds and uses that to cover a deficit budget. Los Angeles agencies DWP and Public Works Bureau of Sanitation are both dysfunctional. They do not even communicate to one another.

I urge you to get your house in order (Los Angeles city agencies) and stop taking advantage of me the ratepayer. Do not go forward with this outrageous rate increase.

Sincerely,
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Avo Davidian - Rate hikes and taxes

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Date: 10/2/2007 12:47 PM
Subject: Rate hikes and taxes

Ladies and Gentlemen:

After spending over \$100,000.00 to replace grass with cement, new energy conserving toilets, a/c, refrigerators, drought resistant plants and bushes instead of flowers, water restrictors on all faucets, and building a pool with a "heat pump" to conserve energy, setting my a/c thermostat at 80 in the hottest months here in the Valley, I have done just about everything I can possibly do to save water and conserve energy. My bills are still \$1000 - \$1500 every two months unless it rains for 40 days.

Your rate hikes will cost me thousands of dollars more and give back absolutely nothing. We will still suffer blackouts and water shortages until you people do something about the overpopulation of the LA Basin. There is plenty of money in the City's coffers to cover all the "projects" proposed without AGAIN raising taxes and fees. We do not need to increase these taxes and fees if you would stop encouraging more (illegal) immigration. The Times said we spent \$37 million dollars on illegal aliens just last July.

As for raising property taxes to fight gangs, that is yet another boondoggle. Enforce the law, start arresting these gangsters, get rid of that special order that prohibits identifying illegal aliens in gangs, stop giving money to said gangsters for the "programs" they pretend they're initiating and running which turn out to be more crime, more guns, at the taxpayers' expense.

The best program to stop gangs from spreading is to enforce laws EQUALLY to all who break them. Send back the illegal aliens who are breaking our laws. Stop supporting them and their offspring. Make going to school mandatory, and staying in school until 12th grade mandatory. Make holding a job mandatory. Stop giving money and start demanding better behaviour. Arrest gangsters who go to schools just to make trouble. Send them back. Put them in jail. Stop giving them money to continue their criminal lives.

STOP RAISING TAXES. Stop cooking up phony fees to cover expenses for criminals and aliens. We're being bled dry. We're sick of it.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter (I can only hope), Gail DeMario

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Avo Davidian - DWP rate increase

From: "Kathie McKee" <katpsych@roadrunner.com>
To: <Avo.Davidian@lacity.org>
Date: 10/4/2007 7:25 AM
Subject: DWP rate increase

This is in regards to the proposed rate increase by the DWP. I moved to Woodland Hills in 1970 due to more affordable housing. I live in a home built in the early 50's. It is a modest 2 bedroom concrete block house with high ceilings and poor insulation. I have a small yard and do not have a swimming pool.

Since Woodland Hills has both the warmest and coldest climates in the area, I am very concerned about the increase in my heating and air conditioning bills. My last DWP bill was \$650 which is a real hardship for a single retired person on a fixed income. I also feel it is grossly unfair to the San Fernando Valley residents when the summer heat can go as high as 119 degrees and it penalizes those of us who live in warmer climates. The City of Los Angeles is much cooler due to the ocean breeze which we do not get here in the Valley and I would be happy to move to a cooler climate if I could afford it.

This rate increase is unfair to those of us that need this service the most. Again, the Valley carries the burden for the city. Perhaps the 10% Utility Tax should be suspended.

Kathie McKee

Avo Davidian - Proposed rate increases

From: Michele Sanner <mks818@sbcglobal.net>
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Date: 10/7/2007 9:32 PM
Subject: Proposed rate increases
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I received the Neighborhood Council News for Woodland Hills-Warner Center issue No.1-Fall 2007 a couple of weeks ago. As I was glancing thru this magazine, I came across the article about the DWP rate increase. When I read that the 1st tier was going to be 800 kWh, that got my attention.

I live in a moderate house in Woodland Hills, with my elderly father,(90 years old in March of 2008) my daughter and her infant son. Between the 2 of us we take care of my father and I work outside the home. We do not overly use water or electricity. We replaced bulbs in the house with energy efficient ones, only run the washer/dryer and dishwasher when full. During the summer I need to have the a/c running for my father during the day as he sits in the house and watches tv most of the time. Our last bill from the DWP (service 6/5/07-8/3/07)indicated we used 4765KWH. The bill was \$883.85. I nearly had a heart attack. This usage was only 300KWH more than the usage the pervious year.

In the article Tier 1 would be 800KWH for a 2 month billing cycle. I can't believe that! I would like to know WHAT house and WHAT size family only uses 800KWH in 2 months. We are pretty much on a limited income. My father has his retirement and social security and I work around 30 hours per week. The rate increase would kill us. I am going to make sure everyone I know sees this article and writes in to oppose this increase. Come on, 800KWH? That is unreasonable.

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Avo Davidian - Fwd: DWP proposed rate increases

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Date: 10/8/2007 4:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: DWP proposed rate increases

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: financehoe@aol.com
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Sent: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 4:03 pm
Subject: DWP proposed rate increases

Dear Mayor:

The proposed tiered rate increases being proposed by the DWP will unfairly hit the West Valley the hardest. I oppose this rate structure & will oppose those who support it & support those who oppose it.

Sincerely,

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Avo Davidian - DWP Rate Hike

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Subject: DWP Rate Hike
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Our letter supporting the DWP rate hikes with conditions is below.

October 24, 2007

The Honorable Jan Perry
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Proposed Revenue Actions

Dear Councilmember Perry:

The Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS** Los Angeles Department Water & Power rate hikes IF AND ONLY IF the rate hikes are used exclusively for LADWP operations and infrastructure improvements. The Chamber opposes rate hikes that include any incremental transfer of LADWP funds to the City of Los Angeles.

LADWP has proposed a number of revenue enhancements that are designed to promote energy efficiency, demand-side management, solar installations, and to improve water quality.

Most important to our member businesses is that the revenue enhancements will be used to strengthen the water and power system infrastructure in order to maintain the reliability and quality of the services being provided.

LADWP rates have not increased in 15 years and LADWP electricity rates are as much as 40% lower than in other cities. LADWP needs to invest in staff and replacing aging equipment to ensure reliability.

We urge your **AYE** vote when the LADWP rate increase comes before you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hoffman Vanyek
Chief Executive Officer

Avo Davidian - MCWCC Letter in conditional support of proposed LA DWP rate increase

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Date: 10/18/2007 9:45 PM
Subject: MCWCC Letter in conditional support of proposed LA DWP rate increase
Attachments: LADWPCoverLetterResoSupport.pdf; LADWPresolution100907.pdf

Please find enclosed a cover letter and motion by Mid City West Community Council in conditional support of the proposed LADWP rate increase, with conditions of support.

Andrew Lachman
Chair
MCWCC



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October 15, 2007

Re: MOTION CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING PROPOSED LA DWP RATE INCREASE

To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed a copy of a resolution conditionally supporting the DWP proposed Water and Power Base Rate Increases, Reliability or Deferred Maintenance Adjustments, Pass Through or Surcharges Increases.

The Mid City West Community Council represents Ssakeholders in the Melrose, Miracle Mile, Park La Brea, Beverly-Fairfax, Beverly Grove and Burton Way neighborhoods, representing 80,000 residents in the 4th, 5th and 10th City Council Districts.

By a vote of 19 to 11 (63%), the Mid City West Community Council voted to support the proposed water and power increase with conditions.

LA DWP needs to improve operational and energy efficiency. However such improvements require investment and a restructuring of the rates. LADWP management maintains that it is committed to use funds from any increase to improve such operating and energy efficiency.

To the extent that the proposed increase is spent to improve that efficiency, we will support the rate increase.

To that end, we feel that a reliable and independent board should be established to create benchmarks for improvement and monitor their progress and hold them accountable. Without such review, we can not accurately track LADWP's progress or trust that future investment through rate increases will be warranted.

No government agency is perfect and we can not expect such perfection as a condition to increase rates for the purpose of updating our horribly outdated and deteriorating infrastructure. But we can expect a genuine effort with measurable results.

That is why accountability is equally key, as is ensuring that the rate increase are used by LADWP and not to shore up the city General Fund.

As long as the funds are used as described above (e.g. updating infrastructure and improving operational/energy efficiency) and reliable and independent oversight ensures the use of funds from the rate increase are being put to use with results, we support such a proposed increase this time.

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Andrew Lachman
Chair



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MOTION IN *CONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LADWP RATE INCREASE*

On October 9, 2007, the Mid City WEST Community Council, by a vote of 19-11-2 adopted the following motion:

1. The Mid City West Community Council ("MCWCC") supports, with qualifications, the proposed increases in Los Angeles Department of Water and Power water and electric rates that were approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners ("Board") on October 2, 2007. MCWCC supports the rate increases subject to monitoring by the City Council and Board to ensure that LADWP uses the additional revenue generated to:

(1) improve operating efficiency;

(2) make the infrastructure upgrades that are claimed to support the rate increases; and

(3) allocate more money to energy and water efficiency and conservation efforts.

To that end, we ask the City Council to fund an independent review council to monitor performance and report publicly every six (6) months.

2. The Executive Committee and Public Policy Committee are directed to communicate the substance of this motion to the City Council, including the Energy and Environment Committee, and the Office of the Mayor.

Certified this 15th day of October,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Lachman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Lachman
Chair