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To: CityRecorder
Subject: Utility Rate Hearing Comments
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Your Name	Debbie Engelhard
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Your Phone	5038817378
Street	P.O. Box 7048
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97303
Message	<p>I disapprove of this increase. I am not sure how the City of Salem, believes Fixed Income Seniors, Retiree's, Low-Income, Unemployed, can support another increase. I have questioned my bill and basically am told I can talk to City Council....I pay for a Backflow Prevention Fee - why? When I pay for a Backflow Inspection apparently this is extra money all ready. I pay for Street Lights, which I have none and do not want any. Extra money for the City. I pay for a City Operation Fee, have no clue what this is, but again another fee the City was able to sneak in. Lets get real, my income does not go up enough to cover all these miscellaneous fees. City needs to live within their budget all others do.</p>

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Subject: Utility Rate Hearing Comments
Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:56:13 AM
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Your Name	Jeremy McQuain
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Your Phone	5035108032
Street	1975 Center St. N.E.
City	SALEM
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	<p>I am writing in opposition to the proposed rate increases before the city council October 12, 2020. My particular objection is over capital investment. I agree capital investment is an important thing, however, I see nothing in the plan outlining particular projects that investment is being made in, and the rate of between 22% of the operation and maintenance cost in 2021-2022 increasing to 27% in 2026-27 seems ridiculously high without specific objectives. I am aware of the ozone treatment being added to the water system to deal with cyanotoxins, but that's at an estimated cost of \$40 million, with the state covering half of that cost. One year of the capital investment fund would cover the city's portion of that new facility. The proposed budget has over \$20 million a year going to capital improvement. Will we need a new ozone treatment facility every other year? What DO we need? What's that money going to be spent on? Sincerely, Jeremy E. McQuain</p>

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