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Subject: ORDER 2662 CORIX – Panorama Water Utility Proposed 2023 to 2026 Revenue Requirement & Rate Application

Dear Sir,

The following are my comments and concerns on the captioned order.

I am in receipt of a copy of the very comprehensive submission filed earlier today by Cal Gillies on behalf of the Trappers Ridge Subdivision. I look forward to receiving the responses to those questions and will not repeat them here to save CORIX the cut and paste time responding to redundant material. In general, I share the exasperation at the rate of increase in the rates and annual billing totals spanning from 2019 through the forecast period to 2026.

One item that I would like to address is the allocation of Bed Units to residential customers as is indicated in the Definitions section of the attached Water Tariff No. 6. A default of 10 bed units seems high for our Panorama Subdivision considering the average size of the original residences in the neighborhood. I see that there is an option to qualify for an allocation of 6 Bed Units. With a default allocation of 10 Bed Units, I estimate that the Base Charge will represent approximately 75% of my future total invoice amounts. Would it be practicable to incorporate a metric that is more representative of the diversity of the size of residential properties in Panorama than a binary 6 or 10 bed units? I'm thinking of the Panorama strata fees that have been allocated based upon assessed property values for property tax purposes. This would seem to provide a more objective, representative and equitable allocation of the relative "base" use of the common water facility. Would the regulator and/or CORIX be prepared to consider this? If not or perhaps if they have and it has been dismissed, I would like to learn why.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sandy Murphy
Panorama Subdivision

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