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Tyler,

Kyler Marine was called by Dan McCracken from IDEQ and wanted our District support, and below are HLID's comments.

I want to express my opposition to the proposed rate increase by IDEQ. I believe the increase is excessively high and will negatively impact our CIP funding in the long run. There are alternative funding opportunities DEQ could explore, such as charging for plan reviews, implementing fees for Letters of Intent, or considering small incremental increases over a longer period. This rate increase is intended for programs that assist water systems, but it does not address the underlying issues of poor system maintenance or the need for these systems to increase their rates to avoid relying on bailouts.

We have experienced bailouts within our district for small systems that have received support, and we have the capacity to take over and provide more reliable service at no cost to the customer. However, the small water district received a grant to install generator backup power; these systems still experience depressurization once a month. They are right back to business as normal.

It's important that our patrons are informed before IDEQ raises its rates, as they will ultimately bear the burden of these changes. This approach would help us budget for the future and clearly communicate to our patrons how our funding is being utilized

Thank you,  
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