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Sent: Monday, September 14, 2026 4:12 PM
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Subject: Drinking water fee rule

Dear Tyler,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed fee increase for public drinking water systems. i'm writing to respectfully request that you amend the proposal and reduce or eliminate the increase proposed for small neighborhood systems.

Our drinking water network is a small (25 connections) system. The labor and expense to safely maintain the system is already taxing for our families. As it stands, we already rely on local residents donating time and materials to keep our system running. This increase will further tax our residents.

Please do not increase this fee.

Thank you.
Rick