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Placerville, CA

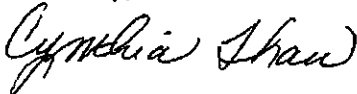
RE: Proposed Rate Increase for South Tahoe Refuse Company

Dear Ms. Santiago:

I respectfully request that you seriously consider a "no" vote to a rate increase as proposed by the South Tahoe Refuse Company. As I understand it, they are proposing that the increase is necessary to offset higher fuel costs. Fuel costs have decreased dramatically since they made the same (or similar) request last summer. In addition, labor costs need not be high, as California has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation.

The rest of the small business owners in this area, such as myself, are struggling financially and it is unfair to us to bear the brunt of this unnecessary increase that will only result in higher profits for the business owners of South Tahoe Refuse. Most of us are forced to drop our prices and reduce costs, and they should have to do the same. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Thaw

Please, please  
don't RAISE my  
Rates. My husband  
just lost his job, were  
ON the brink of foreclosure  
I'M ON social security  
The economy hasn't been  
this bad since the  
depression (1932). I'm  
begging you Don't!  
This is the worst time  
to get a raise!

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The BOSONE/PV/EDC  
Sent by: Loretta M  
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12/03/2008 10:56 AM

To Suzanne Allen de Sanchez/PV/EDC@TCP, Cynthia C  
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Subject Item on agenda: South Tahoe Refuse Rate Increase



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12/03/2008 10:26 AM

To bosone@co.el-dorado.ca.us

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Subject South Tahoe Refuse Rate Increase

Dear Supervisor Dupray,

I'm writing to you and the other El Dorado County Supervisors in regards to the proposed rate increase for the South Tahoe Refuse Company. Unfortunately I cannot attend the hearing December 9, 2008 in Placerville on this matter because of my husband's medical appointments that day.

I am appalled by the lack of sensitivity to the financial situation we all find ourselves in today by the South Tahoe Refuse Co. After talking to the clerk who answers the phone at the Refuse Company this morning, she said that this increase was the remainder of an earlier increase that they have already received. She also said that all of their expenses and the "cost of living" has gone up, and that they need to build a "green" facility.

It's pretty obvious to all of us residents that the cost of living has gone up, especially in Tahoe. I did note that gas price for their trucks have gone down drastically. My point is now is not the time for another rate increase with the economy as it is. A lot of residents are leaving South Lake Tahoe and many would do so if they could sell their houses. Businesses are going out of business right and left. Why add another added thoughtless rate increase at this time? I wish I could ask for a social security rate increase whenever I felt a need to fund a legitimate cause. This refuse service that is a mandated monopoly needs to be responsive to circumstances beyond our control.

Thank-you for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully submitted,

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