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Mr. Evan Johnson
Via email ejohn21@msn.com

Re: Salt Lake City water rates

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am responding to your email raising questions about water rates set by Salt Lake City. The Public Service Commission ("PSC") does not have jurisdiction over the city or how it manages its water, and thus we are not able to help you with your complaint. The PSC has authority to regulate only those certificated water companies that are not governed by municipalities, or by Special Service Districts (SSD). A water company that is mutually owned, or is part of a municipal entity, or a special service district, is exempt by law from regulation by the PSC. (Special service districts are governed by an administrative control board, as indicated in Utah Code 17A-2-1326.)

Salt Lake City is a municipal entity and its water rates are set by its Department of Public Utilities. There may be unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County that are served by Salt Lake City water but the PSC still has no authority to regulate them where the city has included them in its regulation of water.

Your concerns with Salt Lake City water rates may best be handled by contacting the SLC Water Department and the city administrators, or your legislator, and enlist his or her support if you believe changes in the laws are necessary.

Sincerely,

Division of Public Utilities
Paul Hicken, Utility Analyst II

cc: Commissioner Ric Campbell