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Sent via E-mail with attachments

"Before the vote, there was much public comment on both sides. Many Salt Lake County residents were miffed that they pay more for water than city customers. Given the uproar, the council decided to reduce county customers' rates from 1.5 times what the city resident pays to 1.35 times what city residents pay. The extra amount is to compensate for property tax payments that city residents pay to the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake." "S.L. boosts water rates for wasters." Deseret News April 23, 2003.

Re: GRAMA Request received March 18, 2010

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

The City is in receipt of your request received March 18, 2010 for the following records and offer you the following response.

"1-Copies of Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities staff reports, studies, correspondence, e-mails, memos, reports, and any documentation used or provided or sent to and/or from the Salt Lake City Council, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, or Salt Lake City Public Utility Advisory Committee regarding the rate restructuring for County water customers recommending a 50% (later 35%) up charge, surcharge, rate increase or mechanism to compensate Salt Lake City for the County customers' share of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City tax Salt Lake City residents pay for the time period of 2002 to present."

See attached records. Additional Salt Lake City Council information is available at <http://www.slccgov.com/council/minutes/default.htm>

"2-Copies of Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities estimates, extrapolations, or actual amounts of additional money collected from Salt Lake City County water customers based on the 35% up charge or rate restructuring for the time period of 2003 to present."

No record

"3-Any correspondence, emails to and from Salt Lake City Public Utility employees regarding the possible \$5.2 million over charge on Salt Lake City County water customers for the time period of January 1, 2010 to present."

No record

"4-The amount of Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City (now Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy) tax collected from Salt Lake City properties for the time period of 2002 to 2009 used to calculate the up charge or rate restructuring for Salt Lake City County water customers."

No record

How was the County water customers' fair share of Metro tax calculated without a record of the amount? SLC has 5 of 7 Metro board seats, but claims it has no record of the amount of Metro tax collected for SLC? Is a \$5+ million tax paid to SLC's water district not a record of interest to the "Water Enterprise Fund"?

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"5-The mathematical modeling, formula(s) or algorithm(s) used to generate the 50% (later 35%) rate restructuring (up charge) on Salt Lake City County water customers for the time period of 2001 to 2010."


See attached records

If you are dissatisfied with the City's response to your request, you may appeal the City's decision to the City's Records Appeals Board by filing a written notice with the City Recorder within 30 calendar days after the date of this letter, pursuant to City code § 2.64.0140. The address of the City Recorder is P.O. Box 145515, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5515.

The amount owed for research time on this project is \$30.00. Please remit this amount to Salt Lake City Public Utilities Department, attention Karryn at 1530 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Sincerely,

What is the rate of return on investment on City Water Customers?


Jeffrey T. Niermeyer
Director

Why is a rate of return on investment calculated on city property? Is this just a water enterprise business with a token city badge, or a real city water department delivering low cost high quality water?

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