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To: Chairman Ken Staton, & MVWD Board of Directors
From: Joseph Davis, General Manager
Date: February 26, 2015
Subject: Monthly Standby Fee

Background

During the public comment period at last month's Board of Directors meeting, definition of ownership transfer relating to trust accounts was raised. Districts legal counsel explained that "placing a piece of property into a trust is a change in ownership". Per District policy this necessitated the need to remove certain meters from the reduced monthly standby rate.

I have attached the current District policy:

All service connections purchased prior to March 9, 2006 that have been installed and approved by the District but have not provided water to the assigned parcel shall be considered to be in a standby status. All service connections in the standby status shall be charged and the owner of the assigned parcel shall pay a monthly fee of \$9.38 /month to defer the cost of monthly reads/inspection. This monthly standby fee shall be adjusted by the same percentage at the time the monthly meter rate is adjusted. Upon change in ownership or delivery of water to the parcel through the assigned service connection, the service connection will lose its standby status and the service connection shall be charged and the owner of the assigned parcel shall pay the prevailing monthly meter rate. Once a service connection has been removed from standby status it cannot return to standby status if the meter is shut off and locked at some future date. All service connections purchased after March 9, 2006 which are shut off and locked when installed will be charged the prevailing monthly meter rate. All service connections which are shut off and locked after this date will also be charged the prevailing monthly meter rate. (3-9-06)

Currently the fixed monthly meter charge for residential meters is \$29.79.

Staff does not support modifying the current policy to allow exempting trusts from change in ownership status.

February 27, 2015

Moapa Valley Water District
Board Meeting
Attn: Susan Rose

RE: Account # 430

Dear Ms. Rose:

I received a notice regarding the change in ownership of my home property, 531 Bonelli Ave., and a proposed increase from the standby rate of \$9.38 per month to a new rate of \$29.79.

I have lived in this house for over 60 years and have not changed ownership of the property. The County Offices changed the name on the property to match my Living Trust. It should be evident that the actual *name* of the property is still under my full name – Patricia K. Harris.

I respectfully request that my monthly rate **NOT** be increased to \$29.79 as suggested. I am 92 years old and live on a fixed income. This increase would cause an undue hardship on my monthly household expenses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patricia K. Harris
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