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Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre,
SD 57501

Dear Karen,

Sorry about my delay in getting back to you. We are haying and we leave early and get home late. Where we are haying there is no cell service so I'm sending you this letter.

I talked with a lady in your office and explained my position to her but I will tell you also.

1. Golden West sent us the same document to us three times. We told them the first time it was sent we wouldn't agree to this, but they continued to send same document and tell you that we were close to a settlement. A considerable cost to us because she continued to send the same document to our attorney for review.

2. They say they need an easement to hook up the schoolhouse building even though it previously had a phone.

3. They won't even put a phone jack at existing pedestal so we could run our own line from there.

4. My husband has a medical condition that could require medical emergency. Since we have no phone we have to rely on cell phones which have virtually no service in the area.
5. They are attempting to get a blanket easement on our property to benefit themselves with no compensation to us.
6. For a couple hundred feet of line Golden West could have generated several years of service from us. They have been told we would grant an easement from their pedestal to the school house but choose not to hook it up.
7. I contacted Golden West to present this issue before the Board of Directors and made contact with main office in Wall, but they say the issue is in the Hot Springs office!
8. We are not going to allow Golden West to put any phone lines on top of our water lines because of the considerable cost to us if we have to make water repairs. We haven't had any hay for several years so we are very busy trying to get hay in for winter. We won't be available for a while.

Thank you
Cindy Brunson