

Department of Commerce  
Legislative Hearing Committee

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Honorable Committee members:

I want to apologize for not being here in person, but the weather has made travel from Sheridan hazardous at best and I could not ask any of my council members to brave the road conditions if I myself do not plan to.

I also want to thank Rep. Rice for standing up for our Town of Sheridan and have empowered Entranco to relay this message to you.

My philosophy has been "How goes Main Street, so go's the Town." Sheridan is a small town that relies mostly on the cattle industry, some mining, construction and tourism. While taking over as Mayor in 2002, I found the infrastructure to be not only "antiquated" but in shambles. The average surfaced leaks occurring were 22 per year and our transmission line was made out of wood. The community was and is still having difficulty providing adequate water supply and fire protection due to the water losses we are experiencing.

To alleviate the problem, water restrictions have been implemented. To fix the water system, the Town of Sheridan decided to contract the engineering firm of "Entranco" and draw up a plan. The first on the list was the wooden transmission line. With successful grant funding acquired from the DNRC, the line was replaced and approximately 100 gpm have been saved.

Recently, the Town of Sheridan hired a listening service to ascertain the extent of our leakage problem of our distribution system. The report that came back notes that there is significant leakage in the system, the estimates are approximately 128,000 gallons a day of loss. In a town of 700 people that is 183 gallons per capita a day.

Sheridan plans to tackle the water system problem in 3 phases. Phase I, with your help, will begin construction in 2006. The construction planned is to replace 4600' of 8" PVC and 8,000' of 6" PVC mains, 19 fire hydrants will be replaced, storage tanks will be drained, inspected, cleaned, cement reservoir will be grouted and roof replaced. Installation of meters will occur on high volume users and a test well will be drilled to develop the feasibility study of another water source away from the present sources.

With TSEP and RRGL 's help and other sources, the Town of Sheridan plans to completely overhaul an antiquated water system and in the future, the same goes for the sewer.

In order to successfully guarantee the future growth of the Town of Sheridan, it is my duty to see to it the infrastructure is sound and able to provide services not only to the existing population, but to all new growth and businesses.

I am asking you to consider helping us along our way,

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Respectfully,

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