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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 5:57 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: erin brockovich

She says Flint water fails to meet basic water quality regulations, which I think is a fair comment since we are still in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 5:43 PM
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I thought the part about the water being unsafe would merit pointing out the DEQ studies.

From: Fonger, Ronald [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]
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Hey Dave:

Thanks for the reply.

I always try to report what I know to be accurate, but in this case, no one from the city has contradicted what Bowcock (and now Brockovich) said about Flint water rates being nearly eight times higher than the national average.

As for the rest, she's giving her opinion about the political situation here and mentioned the governor, mayor and emergency manager so I wanted to give each the chance to respond.

Thanks,

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Hi Ron,

(I'm assuming your reporting will contrast her statements with what you know to be accurate, so I'll provide a general statement)

We agree that Flint residents need clean, safe water. The governor and state agencies will continue to work closely with Flint leaders to find a solution to the city's long-term water infrastructure needs.

Dave

From: Fonger, Ronald [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 4:47 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: erin brockovich

Dave:

Erin Brockovich posted this on her Facebook page this afternoon and I've been asked to post about it.

Since it mentions the governor, I wanted to see if your office wants to comment.

Thanks,

Erin Brockovich

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How to Destroy a City - the American Way.

It has been one month since I became involved with the City of Flint, Michigan, a community expressing deep concern about high sewer and water system rates, for drinking water that fails to meet basic water quality regulations.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has publish that the average cost for water in the United States is \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons, including the service charge. Comparing apples to apples, Flint residents are paying \$15.80 per 1,000 gallons, almost 8-times the national average.

The City of Flint starts with a service charge of \$39.60 (if divided by a high average of 10 units, it represents an additional \$3.90/unit) and a unit charge of \$7.92/CCF; Flint's unit is 748 gallons. So, at \$11.82 per unit, a 10 unit bill would be equal to \$118.20 for 7,480 gallons.

If you can afford the water you're fortunate; if you cannot afford the water you are evicted from your homes or your businesses shutdown.

All of this is perpetrated with Democracy held hostage by a Governor appointed "Emergency Manager"...the elected Mayor a mere ceremonial figure head.

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