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July 1, 2016. Petersen proposed
increases is a 29.5 percent rate
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percent rate increases previously
the July 2015 and January 2016 9
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On Oct. 15, General Manager
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Financial reports

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By Jim Kendrick

2016 draft budget presented
Some of the other factors Pe-
tersen emphasized regarding his 2016 budget proposal were:
• Colorado Springs Utilities will increase the rate it charges Donala by 4.9 percent for transporting and treating Donala’s Willow Creek Ranch renewable surface water for direct distribution to Donala customers.
• Tap fee revenue from development will be significantly less than in 2015
• Vendor rates were budgeted to increase by about 3 percent in 2016.

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