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The Reddersburg Ratepayers Union case (Case 5451/2024) involved a High Court of South Africa ruling on October 1, 2024, protecting residents from illegal municipal service disconnections. The court ordered immediate water supply restoration and interdicted Kopanong Local Municipality from terminating services while disputes remained unresolved. The case confirms residents' legal right to declare disputes over unpromulgated property taxes and prohibits municipalities from charging disconnection fees. The court awarded costs against the municipality on Scale B. This judgment expands protections established in the Koster case, demonstrating how legal principles can transform communities. Since January 2019, Reddersburg residents have collectively declared disputes and redirected funds to community services, achieving remarkable infrastructure improvements and 90-95% community participation in initiatives, transforming the town from decline to prosperity.