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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2005 5:09 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, November 04, 2005  
5:08:45 AM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Dale Fitzgerald  
Street Address: 29448 Silver Meadows Loop  
City: Athol  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83801  
Home Telephone: 208 683-2662  
E-Mail: dbfplf@aol.com  
Company: Bitterroot Water Company

Comment\_description: Bitterroot Water Company's request for a rate change from \$20 to \$45 per month is absurd. I am on a fixed income and the additional \$25 will have an impact on my budget. I was unable to attend the workshop held in Athol ID on 2 Nov but how can they justify a 225 per cent increase?

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 8:52 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, November 03, 2005  
8:52:24 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Brian & Angela Amorose  
Street\_Address: 29690 n. silvermeadows loop  
City: athol  
State: id  
ZIP: 83801  
Home\_Telephone: 208 661 4217  
E-Mail: bnaamo@yahoo.com  
Company: bitterroot water company  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes  
Comment\_description: A 125% rate increase? Why stop there? Hey, gas has gone crazy so why not our water????? This is nuts!!! No! No! No! to this requested rate increase!! PLEASE DON'T APPROVE THIS INCREASE!!!!!!  
Brian & Angela Amorose

Transaction ID: 1132052.24  
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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 11:14 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, November 03, 2005  
11:14:13 AM

Case: Bitterroot Water Company - (BIT-?)

Name: Jim Nelson

Street Address: 26445 N Old Highway 95

City: Athol

State: ID

ZIP: 83801

Home Telephone: 208-683-5113

E-Mail: jim.nelson@lpcorp.com

Company: Bitterroot Water Company

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: My rate case notification was smeared thus I cannot uncover the applicabel case number.

I am not all in favor of the rate increase. I have seen, and I am one of the oldest houses on the system, that BWC has done anything to improve our poor water pressure. The water quality is acceptable. A 105% rate increase is not reasonable. An increase for cause of \$5-10/month may be if it improves something for me. Also, we do pay a high excessive fee for water in the summer and the commission should look into this. Furthermore, I am not aware of the competitive nature of private water company fees in Northern Idaho. I can only assume the fee base requested is way above the norm.

Conclusion, no increase at all unless some benefit is received by BWC customers.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2005 4:00 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

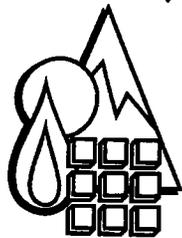
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Wednesday, November 02, 2005  
4:00:01 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Candee Wilfong  
Street Address: 27644 Silver Meadows Lp  
City: Athol  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83801  
Home Telephone: 208-683-2888  
E-Mail: fongsters@aol.com  
Company: Bitterroot Water Company, Inc.  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: Bitterroot's request to increase our water bill by 125% is outrageous! It would be twice as much as any other water company fees in our area charges. We have not seen or been notified by Bitterroot of any upgrades. We already pay an average of \$300 per year over their current base rate of \$240.00. In addition to not increasing our rates, we would like to see a separate, lower rate for irrigation water. Everyone out here is on 5 acre tracts, and as is, we can't even afford to water our pasture. Please DO NOT grant this fee increase!

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## COMMISSION

Public Workshop

Case No. BIT-W-05-1

Athol, Idaho

November 2, 2005

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you want your opinion noted in the record, please use the space below to write your comments. Add extra sheets as needed. You may either hand this sheet to a commission staff member or mail it to:

IUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074.

You may also post comments on our Web site.

[www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov)

Click on "comments & questions."

FOR HARRY HALL

WOULD APPRECIATE ~~SEEING~~ SEEING  
YOUR MODELING OF THE  
~~TARIFF~~ TARIFF STRUCTURE -

\* SPECIFICALLY - WHOSE IS THE  
CUTTING SCORE FOR ~~THE~~ 15K GAL  
VS 7.5K GAL USERS?

• ALSO - SHOULD THE FIXED USE (15K) BE CHANGED?  
- IN A WORD - WHOSE SHOULD  
THE GREATER BURDEN BE  
PLACED? FIXED OR EXCESS USAGE?

Print Name MARK M. GREENE Sign Name Mark M Greene  
Address 2996 N SILVER MOUNTAIN LANE Phone Number 208-683-0579  
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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2005 4:15 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, October 28, 2005  
3:15:10 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Don Orth  
Street Address: 28710 N Silver Meadows Loop  
City: Athol  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83801  
Home Telephone: 208-683-1656  
E-Mail:

Company: Bitterroot Water Company

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: I feel that after 5 years with this water company that a rate increase might be justified above the \$20 base rate , but not a 225% increase to \$45. Yes, other utilities (electric and gas) have increased, but only by 25-30%. I don't see how Bitterroot's operating costs have increased any more than that amount. Lets set the increase at a more resonable level, say \$25 or \$30 base. Thank you.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2005 3:01 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, November 01, 2005  
3:01:20 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Patty Hatch  
Street Address: P.O. Box 984  
City: Hayden  
State: ID  
ZIP: 80835  
Home Telephone: 208-683-0384  
E-Mail:

Company: Bitterroot Water Co.

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: Bitterroot's request represents a 125% increase. This is unacceptable for several reasons: a) it is not in line with the surrounding companies rates, i.e. Remington Water's base rate is \$25.00. b) Bitterroot Water was recently purchased by the Rickel family and this appears to be an attempt to recapture the purchase price at warp speed. c) there is no large capital expenditure contemplated. d) even though the dollar amount requested here is small, it just compounds my angst (and Joe Public's angst) over rising property taxes, gasoline, natural gas, electricity and the resulting increases in food and other retail goods, all WITHOUT a commensurate increase in salary or income.

I am opposed to approval of any increase over \$5.00.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2005 7:52 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, November 01, 2005  
7:52:03 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Ray & Diane Gladman  
Street\_Address: 26031 N Old Hwy 95  
City: Athol  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83801

Home\_Telephone: 208 683 2799  
E-Mail: rgladman@adelphia.net

Company: Bitterroot  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: We are in shock by the card we received from Bitterroot saying they wish to increase their monthly water rate from \$20.00 to \$45.00 a month. Even with the energy price increases this past two years inflation has been running less than 5%. How on earth can they justify to the people of this area such a huge gigantic increase is beyond us. We as many other people in this area are retirees living on fixed incomes. A 10% increase to cover costs for the last two years would be acceptable, but nothing more. If a private business has higher than usual costs they don't just turn around and pass it onto their customers. If they did they would be out of business very quickly. Maybe an alternative is the answer to Bitterroot to manage the resources?

We and the people of Athol would very much appreciate it if you could see that this increase is NOT passed onto us.

Sincerely,

Ray & Diane Gladman

Transaction ID: 1111952.3  
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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2005 3:39 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, October 31, 2005  
3:39:08 PM

Case: BIT-W-05-01  
Name: Don Nash  
Street Address: 4412 E. Lupin Lane  
City: Athol  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83801

Home Telephone: 208-683-6130

E-Mail: teamnash3@aol.com

Company: Bitterroot Water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment description: Bitterroot Water is proposing an increase of 125% to its metered base rate, raising the base rate bill from \$20. to \$45. a month. Even with system upgrades and operating cost increases this large a fee increase is not justifiable. It is far beyond the rate of inflation, even factoring in the increases in fuel costs. I would encourage the Commission to not permit this planned rate hike that would more then double the base rate for water. Thank you for your consideration.

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