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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2005 12:52 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, January 24, 2005  
12:52:15 PM

Case:

Name: Sharon DeLong  
Street Address: 1843 Danmore Drive  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83712  
Home Telephone: 208-841-0942  
E-Mail:

Company: United Water Idaho Inc.

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment description: This comment is concerning the proposed rate increase for United Water Idaho Inc. dated 11/30/04.

As a tax payer, an employee of the Boise School District, a homeowner/landlord and a grandmother of 3 children who live with a single mother, I am very concerned over the huge requested increase of about \$72.00 per household. Do you ever check on the salary increases earned in our valley? Do you really think that people living paycheck to paycheck, can afford this much of an increase?

We appreciate the service of United Water but please urge them to rethink this huge increase request.

Thank you,  
Sharon S. DeLong

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Thursday, January 20, 2005  
6:14:13 PM

Case: UWI-W-04-04 - Rate Increase  
Name: Ryan Smith  
Street Address: 715 N. 17th ST  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83702  
Home Telephone:  
E-Mail:

Company: United Water Idaho Inc.  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment description: A rate increase like this is the last thing the people need. A raise of almost \$72 a year is just too much. At the rate prices for things people use everyday are raising, it is making it harder and harder each year for the average person to have a decent quality of life. A high quality of life is something this country is suppose to provide it's people and it does a very poor job of doing so.

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WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, January 23, 2005  
4:55:47 PM

Case: United Water 11-3-04 Rate Increase  
Name: Norris Lynch  
Street Address: 1224 E. Hays St.  
City: Boise,  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83712-7414

Home Telephone: 208-343-4059  
E-Mail: nlynch@velocitus.net  
Company: United Water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment description: The facts published in the UW enclosier with my recent bill is very misleading. It does not take into account the 6 months of summer when water usage is high. My yearly bill will increase by nearly \$150 not \$72 as stated in their letter. As a senior citizen on limited income, I would like to suggest that an adjustment be given for the period Nov-May and leave the summer months as is. Lets keep Boise Green. Any significant increase will force us Seniors to a minimum amount of watering and the lawns etc. will have to suffer.

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WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, January 20, 2005  
3:53:42 PM

Case: UWI-W-04-04  
Name: Sheila Ison  
Street Address: 2228 Ellis Ave.  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83702

Home Telephone: 859-1576  
E-Mail: scison@hotmail.com  
Company: United Water Idaho Inc.

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: I am very OPPOSED to the rate increase under consideration by United Water Idaho. A residential increase of 22.35% is far too high at one time for those of us who must use city water to irrigate. Please do not allow this increase to go forward. The water bills I pay now during the summer months are so high I can barely keep up. If the rates increase by 22.35%, homeowners in similar circumstances will be priced out of in-city homeownership. Thank you for your consideration.

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WWW Form Submission:

Monday, January 24, 2005  
12:26:32 PM

Case: water rate increase  
Name: Maureen Webb  
Street\_Address: 4161 W. Quail Ridge Dr.  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83703  
Home\_Telephone: 208-345-1439  
E-Mail: mswebb1439@msn.com  
Company: united water  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: Hello...an increase in water rates of 22.35% for a residential customer is ridiculous. The water rates for this area are already way to high. They say the average annual bill right now is \$323, well my two bills for the just the summer months are more then that and I'm not watering an acreage. There has to be a better solution then just keep raising rates, like maybe impact fees or a bond issue for the areas that need new or additional equipment. Even if there is no other solutions, then at least raise the rates a little bit every year instead of a huge amount in one year. I for one am tired of having to budget for a utility bill like a would a major purchase or an expensive vacation. Say no to such a ridiculous increase and spend some time coming up with a good answer to an on going problem. What's their profit margin anyway??? Here's to a very rainy spring and summer!! Thank you, Maureen Webb

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United Water is not a local Idaho corporation, and yet they take the attitude that Idaho customers have to pay all the expenses of expanding facilities to meet a growing demand in this area.

When Albertson's wants to build a new store in a city or town, they do not raise prices in that local area to pay for the new facility. The parent company finances the expansion and depends on increased business to pay for the investment.

Boise and Idaho are in one of the fastest growing areas in the country. New customers will increase revenues for United Water but there is no logical reason for present customers to pay ahead of time for facilities necessary to keep up with this run-away growth.

I think the IPUC should tell United Water to finance their own expansion or sell the facility to the city of Boise.

Sincerely,

James Davis  
Boise

