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February 15, 2005

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Consumer Assistance
P. O. Box 83720
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I received in my statement from United Water Idaho notification that they have applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for rate increases. In my case this would be 22+%.

I am retired and only received 2.7% increase on my Social Security, \$9.00 per month after Medicare premiums are deducted.

I've written before when these huge increases have been applied for and I restate my opinion that these utilities are monopolies and therefore think they should get anything they want. I also stated that if they were not and had competition they would have to do what it takes to compete.

In my working years the company I worked for had competition and the stockholders had to absorb many costs, if they were to pass them off to the customer they would lose them to the competition. Does the IPUC consider this angle in consideration of rate increases?

I speak not only for many retirees on limited incomes but for the working poor who can't make ends meet and have to look to food banks to help feed their families.

Please consider the impact on so many people of the only \$6.00 a month average increase.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2005 9:22 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, February 16, 2005
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Case: United Water Rate Increase Letter
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mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment description: I am disgusted by the letter received in my water bill this month! What a joke to request \$6,767,867 with rate increases up to 21.46%...does this company think that we are made of money and that they can take and take and take till we could care less what our neighborhoods look like, what we give our children to drink? I will go with other products and have already started to do so at my own expense! I have a neighborhood where a renter refuses to water the yard and so now it is brown and a fire hazard because the bills are too high already! I take pride in my home and it will suffer come watering time now due to the already inflated rates and this insane request for money pocket lining, ceo grubbing, money hungry executives who will reap the benefits...believe me the employees who do the real work don't get much of it!

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