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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:39 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Water rate increase

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>From: Ron Scheuffele [SMTP:NEVADARON@PEOPLEPC.COM]  
>Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:38:36 AM  
>To: secretary  
>Subject: Water rate increase  
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I didn't attend the water rate increase workshop because it wasn't widely advertised. There is no way a public utility can request a 22% increase and be justified. A thorough accounting is needed to review possible fraud in their accounting. Needless to say, an increase above the inflation rate IS NOT JUSTIFIED. The PUC cannot keep granting utilities increases above the ability for its customers to pay.

Ron Scheuffele  
5837 N. Applebrook Way  
Boise, ID 83713

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:01 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, March 10, 2005  
7:00:31 AM

Case: UWI-W-04-04  
Name: Richard Rogers  
Street\_Address: 1066 Saratoga Dr.  
City: Boise  
State: Id.  
ZIP: 83706

Home\_Telephone: 208-338-9614  
E-Mail: rj\_rogers@netzero.com  
Company: United water Idaho

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: I am against this proposed rate increase as it seems to be related mainly to services for new customers many of which are located outside the city limits of Boise. New customers should pay for this increase cost of services. As you know United Water has many services in the Eagle area and in Canyon county. We in Boise should not be expected to support these satalite systems. I would support a modest increase due to the increse cost in electrical power any increse should be closely tied to the rate of inflation.  
Richard Rogers

Transaction ID: 310700.31  
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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:31 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Water Rates

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**From:** Ann S. Barron[SMTP:ANN@WARBARRON.COM]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:33:07 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Water Rates  
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I work evening hours so am unable to attend your meetings. I am, however, incensed at United Water's newest attempt to raise rates, and 20% no less! Over the 20 years I have lived in this house I have followed every water conservation technique the Co. has promoted and then some.

Each time water conservation efforts prove effective in lowering water bills the Co. requests a rate hike. We're damned if we do and damned if we don't! It's difficult for me to understand how they can justify raising rates when the increased demand for water in this area continues to increase, therefore increasing their revenue. I would like to see a financial break down of their costs. I would think that their costs related to "the demands of a growing customer base" would be more than offset by the increased water usage.

Please, deny United Water any rate increase.

Sincerely,  
Ann S. Barron  
2631 N. Aster Ave.  
Boise 83704

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:54 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: United Water rate increase

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**From:** Darlene[SMTP:PUMACROW@EARTHLINK.NET]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:32:57 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** United Water rate increase  
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I ask that you not give United Water a 20 percent rate increase.  
What especially does not make sense to me is that United Water says they need more money from consumers because they have a growing customer base. This growth should take care of added expenses of United Water. Another issue is that United Water seems to come to the PUC asking for an enormous increase periodically. Is this a tactic?  
Ask for a huge amount so that when that rate is reduced, they get the rate amount they wanted when they came in?  
Darlene McMaster  
3625 Tulara, Boise ID 83706

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:54 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: United Water Idaho's Proposed Rate Hike

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>From: RONALD SCOTT [SMTP:RONALD.SCOTT@BOISESCHOOLS.ORG]  
>Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:53:14 AM  
>To: secretary  
>Subject: United Water Idaho's Proposed Rate Hike  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to United Water Idaho's proposed rate hike. I believe that this rate increase is a very bad idea. United Water Idaho is only looking to improve its bottom line. Currently it is earning a rate of return of 6.06 percent. This is a excellent rate of return. Idahoans do not need to pay higher rates so that a company's net profits can increase. Please consider the various rate increases Idahoans have faced in the past 18 months (power, gas, etc.) Thank you,

Sincerely,

Ronald Scott

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:14 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: United Water rate hike

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>From: sondra Thornton[SMTP:SONDRA@BRAVOBSP.COM]  
>Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:11:16 PM  
>To: secretary  
>Subject: United Water rate hike  
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Please do not allow at 22.35 % rate hike! It seems so outlandish that it is even a possibility. As a family of five and a larger piece of property we have fairly large water bills already and I can't imagine paying that much more. Idaho needs to grow our economy not squelch it, every time our utilities go up small businesses that rely on expendable income suffer. I don't know how in line we are with other states but I do know 22% is way too much, could they be saying 22.35% hoping for half of that? Still seems high. Please consider this carefully, there are so many families out there that can not afford this.  
Sondra Thornton