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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: United Water request for rate increase

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our understanding that United Water has requested a nearly 22% rate increase to support infrastructure and technology enhancements. While we accept the need to cover increasing costs, we are concerned about the impact on low and fixed income residents in the United Water service area. As the housing authority serving the same jurisdiction, we know this increase will have a disparate impact on those households least able to absorb extra costs.

We noted in a November 2004 United Water press release that United Water stated its intention to "along with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff and other interested parties, conduct workshops to collaboratively develop a "low-income" assistance program that effectively meets lower-income customer's needs." The press release further stated, "If an agreeable program can be developed, the company would seek implementation in conjunction with any adjustments in rates ordered by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission."

The Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority would be interested in knowing the status of the development of the low-income assistance program and further to offer to participate in the process if our participation might be beneficial to the cause.

We look forward to your reply either by mail, email: dwatson@bcacha.org, or by telephone: direct line 363-9714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna L. Watson".

Deanna L. Watson
Executive Director

