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**From:** Les Madsen [mailto:lesboise@cableone.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2005 2:29 PM

**To:** Ed.Howell@puc.id.gov

**Subject:** United Water - Comment

Comment/Inquiry Form	
Case No.	UWI-W-04-04
Your name	Les Madsen
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State	ID
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Name of Utility Company	United Water
Add to mailing list for this case	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**Below, please describe your question or comment briefly.**

<p>I would like to vehemently oppose United Water's 21.46% rate increase request. The 'growing customer base' should pay for the need for improvements caused by that growth. There would appear to be little, if any, justification to place the burden on existing customers. I already am forced to curtail watering in the summer months because of the high cost. If UWI is allowed to continue escalating rates, Boise will be full of dead and dying yards, which doesn't present a very attractive picture to visitors, or residents, for that matter.</p> <p>I live on a limited income, comprised of Social Security and a minimal private pension, and I cannot afford this much of a rate increase.</p>	
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