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I'm 81 YRS old & received a 4.1% increase in my S.S. With <sup>the</sup> increase I had to give back most of it because of the big increase in my med premium. With increases in elec, Nat Gas, higher Property Tax & etc, it never ends - - -

You know as well as I do they always ask for more & know about how much you will cut. Then it comes out in the paper that United wanted 18% but, we decided to award a smaller increase. United says they feel that charge but, all in all it got the increase it wanted.

I have no love for France of to-day. I was with the 7th aird div when we spear headed Patton thru France - We liberated over 500 City, towns & Villages & they welcomed us with open arms. The new generation doesn't give a damn to-day.

During 172 days of combat our div. battle casualties were 1,138 killed & 3,611 wounded in action.

I don't owe France anything, they owe me. If United was a communist & the profits stayed here I would feel different - - -

Sincerely

Robert G. Kendall

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Mr. Robert G. Kendall  
5410 Willowcrest Pl  
Boise, ID 83714-1688

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2006 9:17 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, February 13, 2006  
9:17:02 AM

**Case:**

Name: Shelly McLaughlin  
Street\_Address: 3163 Sweetwater Drive  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83716  
Home\_Telephone: 208-344-1342  
E-Mail: pacific\_city1@yahoo.com  
Company: United Water  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes  
Comment\_description: I believe the that this rate increase is unjustified.

Transaction ID: 213917.2  
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>  
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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 7:35 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, February 12, 2006  
7:34:56 PM

**Case:**

Name: Al and Michelle Jones  
Street Address: 5216 N. 36th St  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83703  
Home Telephone: 229-0261  
E-Mail: chelijones@aol.com  
Company: United Water

Comment description: This a comment on the proposed rate hike on water rates. We are strongly opposed. The last rate increase cost a great deal and in addition our homeowners association has to raise the our rates to accomodate the changes. A greater than 8 percent rate increase in one year is much greater than the cost of living wage rate increase which was zero. People on fixed incomes did not get a raise. Medicaid and Medicare are decreased!!!! There are very few people who got an 8% pay rate increase, let along 18%. This is also money that will be leaving our country. You published this on the same page as deficit soars to new high... Let's leave it alone. Let salaries keep up with cost of living.

Please do not increase rate. Idaho is not an affordable state to live in any more. Don't price it off the market.

Thank you, for your consideration of this comment.

Michelle and Al Jones

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2006 5:47 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, February 12, 2006  
5:46:58 PM

**Case:**

Name: Bob Hurst  
Street Address: 12337 West Cloverwood Court  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83713

Home Telephone: 323-8487  
E-Mail: bobhurst@hotmail.com  
Company: United Water of Idaho  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment description: I am outraged at the 18% rate increase proposed by United Water to cover alleged increases in operating costs, and proposed infrastructure increase. If their planning wizards did not have the courage, foresight, or honesty to have these costs pre-paid by developers and newcomers, that is their problem. Newcomers and developers should fund the infrastructure costs they are creating. According to my friends in local law enforcement, 70% of the increase in crime in the last 10 years is attributable to Californians who moved in during that period. As small compensation for increased crime, drug activity, porn shops, traffic, pollution, etc etc, they should at least out of shame be more that willing to pay for the problems they, and the developers who paved their way, have caused. Primary among the latter is Dirk Kempthorne who has gotten rich while ruining our State. Impact fees, even retroactively, levied on anyone who has moved into Idaho in the last 15 years is preferable to demanding that longstanding residents build schools, roads, water lines and other infrastructure for developers and Californians who arrived in Idaho with huge profits from their California real estate. They will continue to come as long as Millionaire developers and their Politician stooges pave the way with someone else's money.

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, February 12, 2006  
12:43:47 PM

**Case:**

Name: Sharron Lawhorn  
Street\_Address: 4495 Silver Spur Avenue  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83709

Home\_Telephone: 208-562-0598

E-Mail: sharronlaw@msn.com

Company: United Water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: Why do we have a foreign country managing our water? Why can't Idaho manage it's own water supply? I find this situation outrageous!

Transaction ID: 2121243.47

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 3:58 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, February 11, 2006  
3:58:28 PM

Case: united water raise  
Name: ken brown  
Street\_Address: 5604 n lilybrook way  
City: boise  
State: idaho  
ZIP: 83713-1383  
Home\_Telephone: 208-939-9896  
E-Mail: kjbrown1113@aol  
Company: united water co  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: i think that a raise of those proportions is outrageous, as a matter of fact i think a raise of any amount would be outrageous. i am not able to get a raise of anything like 18%, as a matter of fact my ss has not risen that much, and its tied to inflation, in the last 10 years. at some point you are going to have to bring those public utilities to their senses and instruct them that in this present economic climate a profit of 2% is to be expected and an upper limit of 3% in a case where their mismanagement has placed them in an untenable position is all you can guarantee. so do the job you are supposed to do, get a more realistic attitude in the present day climate of returns. ken brown

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, February 11, 2006  
3:33:32 PM

Case:

Name: Daryl Lyerla  
Street Address: 425 South 3rd East  
City: Mountain Home  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83647

Home Telephone: 587-9443

E-Mail: elagrace@yahoo.com

Company: United Water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: I am opposed to the proposed water rate increase requested by United Water. According to The Idaho Stateman (2/10/06) United justifies the need for an increase because of the "increased infrastructure." Does that mean that because they have more customers that they need to charge everyone more money? If I understand basic economics correctly, a company can remain profitable if they increase volume and reduce margin. If the cost for new customers is a burden for United, perhaps they need to increase the initial hookup charge, and not increase everyone's cost.

Transaction ID: 2111533.32

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, February 11, 2006  
10:23:00 AM

**Case:**

Name: David Perkins  
Street Address: 1648 N. Kastle Falls Ave.  
City: Meridian  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83642  
Home Telephone: 208-846-9143  
E-Mail: d\_bperkins@yahoo.com  
Company: United Water  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment description: I agree with Mr. Salisbury 100% in regards to the United Water request for an 18% increase in rates. I understand that United Water has added 10,500 new customers to their system and that this has required new infrastructure costs. However, most business would be delighted to have that many new customers and they would invest in their business from their own funds to accomodate these new customers. Why does a public utility always have to ask for huge increases when this occurs?

I retired just 10 years ago and my income is relatively fixed with the exception of social security which has a very modest inflation factor each year. We are having a very difficult time dealing with all of the huge increases in property taxes, gasoline prices, Idaho Power and natural gas increases when our fixed income has very modest increases each year. And now we have to deal with another giant increase for our water. Where does all this end? I suspect it will end with my wife and I in the "poor house". I guess I can only hope that we will not live to see that happen to us.

respectfully submitted, David Perkins

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, February 11, 2006  
10:12:05 AM

Case: Dont Know  
Name: John & Shirley Fleischer  
Street\_Address: 3609 Licorice Pl  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83716-8716  
Home\_Telephone: 208 345-7483  
E-Mail: jhfleischer@peoplepc.com  
Company: United Water

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes  
Comment\_description: Shirley & I (John), both 69 years old, both disagree with United Waters request for a 17.91 increase in rates. We believe that a 18% rate increase is far too much to present at this time. A 5% increase would be more acceptable to senior citizens living on a limited income. As far as the rest of their customers we still feel that it is far too much of an increase especially when they are a subsidiary of SUEZ a french owned water company.

Thank you for considering our opinion and that of several others.

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February 13, 2006

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Dear IPUC,

We are writing with concerns about the proposal by United Water Idaho to increase our water rates. We have had to adjust our budgets to cover the 8.08% increase in water as of last Fall.

We are residents of the North End in Boise. We have lived at 1102 North 9<sup>th</sup> since 1991. My husband runs a small business and I have been a teacher in Idaho since 1971. We are finding that our salaries barely cover the cost of utilities and taxes. We have noticed that many residents in the north end have stopped watering due to the high cost of water.

We are concerned as well for the long-time senior residents who are living on a fixed income. They include our parents at 1109 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 1501 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 2510 Heron Street.

Please keep us in mind as you and others are asked to raise our utilities and property taxes. We are doing the best we can to keep up with the present bills we receive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Dunne

  
Denise Dunne

  
Denise Dunne

Dolores Sabala

Sid & Paul Hoover

Frank & Wilma Dunne

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 2:12 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, February 11, 2006  
2:11:57 PM

Case: Unknown  
Name: Virginia Sims  
Street Address: 3443 E. Mistywoods  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83706  
Home Telephone: 344-9277  
E-Mail:

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

Comment description: Please deny the 18% increase to United Water. They are earning plenty from all the new developments going in and around Ada and Canyon Counties. I am an 81-year old widow, and if all the utilities along with property taxes keep rising as they have this past year, I might be forced out of my home or onto welfare. Give us all a break and deny United Water's request.

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, February 13, 2006  
11:48:45 AM

Case:

Name: Dean Jedry  
Street Address: 3848 W. Quail Heights Court  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83703

Home Telephone: 208-336-4288  
E-Mail: DEAN\_JEDRY@OPPCOS.COM

Company: UNITED WATER  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: Re: 18% Increase Request

Why do the existing property owners have to pay for "increased infrastructure costs"---why isn't this cost covered from profit and the reason there are infrastructure costs---new subdivisions, new home owners, new businesses? Why isn't there a surcharge or assessment for all new projects? If there are recently 10,500 new connections, then why doesn't the increased revenue cover infrastructure costs, operating and maintenance? Do not pass on the result of poor management to me.

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

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Case:  
Name:  
Street\_Address:  
City:  
State:  
ZIP:  
Home\_Telephone:  
E-Mail:  
Company:  
Comment\_description: Concerning United Water rate increse:

IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR, THIS UTILITY SERVICE HAS REQUESTED A TOTAL RATE INCREASE OF 39.37%. MANY ECOMOMICS ARE EXPECTING A BENIGN 2%-3% INFLATION RATE IN 2006. THIS WOULD BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN 2005.

UNITED WATER HAS BEEN GROWING THEIR BUSINESS AT A RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 175 NEW CUSTOMERS PER MONTH (126.79% ANNUALLY) SINCE JANUARY 1, 2001. I ASSUME THIS HAS INCREASED THEIR REVENUE ALSO.

IT IS ALWAYS EASER TO ASK FOR AN UNREALISTIC RATE INCREASE THAN BECOME A BETTER MANAGER OF YOUR ASSETS.

JUST SAY NO TO THIS REQUEST.

RESPECTFULLY;

DARRYL CHRISTIANSON

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11:18:29 AM

Case:  
Name:  
Street\_Address:  
City:  
State:  
ZIP:  
Home\_Telephone:  
E-Mail:  
Company:  
Comment\_description: 18%, last years excuse, was lack of snow etc. What is this years  
It's only \$5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD all these only's add up. The bond for libiarys fail  
because we must have some spendable income..  
Is'nt the water company owned by a French Co., who sold it off??

Transaction ID: 2111118.29  
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