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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Subject: United Water Rate Hike Request

My letter is in response to the newspaper article of 2/11/06, in which United Water requested an 18% rate increase for all customers. As a residential customer, I submit my disapproval for any increase. I believe we shouldn't subsidize this French owned company in making more profit. The article stated their main reason was that it added 10,500 new connections since January 2001. If they increased their business, they will increase profits and therefore recoup the connection costs in the near future. Additionally, I believe if United Water's cash flow is suffering, it should pass on these connection costs to the new property/water customers. The technology is available to process segregated invoices.

Additionally, I'm in favor of removing the residential excise tax placed on residents each year from May through September, for the purpose of "inspiring us to restrict water use". If we have an above average snow pack, why are we charged an excise tax? Millions of gallons of water pass by ADA county into the Snake river and beyond every year even in below average snow pack years. People with water wells aren't charged an excise tax. If we are in drought conditions, I can understand this extra tax.

Sincerely,



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In regard to United Water asking for an 18% rate increase.

We would like to go on record as opposing the rate increase.

We are on a fixed income and any more increase would be an additional
hardship on us.

Thank you,

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Comment_description: The 17.91% rate increase requested by United Water is absurd. As pointed out in the Idaho Statesman, it would take most rate payers 6 to 7 years to increase their income by that amount. In addition, if developers were not given special breaks, but were required to pay for the increase in infrastructure costs their developments necessitated, most of the increase would be unnecessary. Rate payers should have access to the economics United Water is advancing in support of their rate increase request.

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