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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 12:21 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, March 05, 2006
12:21:14 PM

Case:

Name: Ann S. Barron
Street_Address: 2631 N. Aster Ave
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83704
Home_Telephone: 323-0511
E-Mail: ann@warbarron.com
Company: United Water
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am again astounded by the audacity of this company in seeking yet another rate increase. There is nothing in their financial reports, for this area anyway, to substantiate their claims. Like Vermont who asked for an increase in heating oil costs because their customers had heeded their advice to conserve energy, and Connecticut who asked that hybrid cars be taxed at a higher rate because they were using less gas and oil than their regular counterparts, United Water (Idaho) has negligible reasons for seeking their rate increase.

Please, deny them. Thank you, Ann Barron

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Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 5:54 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
5:53:58 PM

Case:

Name: mike mikesell
Street Address: 2418 n. 20th
City: boise
State: idaho
ZIP: 83702
Home Telephone: 336-1014
E-Mail: mike_fred_815@hotmail.com
Company: united water
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: please consider using some real restraint in the case of this company's request. Since boise water was purchased by the French, the water rates have grown at a usurious rate, for no recognizable reason. I feel that the puc has not felt brave enough to step on some of the utility requests and have used halfway compromises. the continual erosion of the users bank is no way to stem these perpetual stops at the gravy train by the utilities, u.s. and foreign.

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Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 3:35 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
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Saturday, March 04, 2006
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Case: UWI-W-06-2
Name: Chester Call
Street_Address: 3922 Mt View Dr
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83704
Home_Telephone: 208-321-9091
E-Mail: chetinp@msn.com
Company: United Water

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I have just become aware that United Water has requested a 17.9% increase in their rates. It's hard for me to understand why rates should go up much higher than inflation. As a retiree my fixed income only increases modestly each year while my property tax and utility rates seem to increase disproportionately. I must rely on government and its agencies to protect me from these large increases that keep lowering my purchasing power each year. Please don't allow this large of increase in one year to take place. I know increases are necessary and need to keep up with inflation but not all at once.

Thank you for considering my concerns.
Chet Call

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 3:08 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
3:08:14 PM

Case:
Name: Robert H. Neugebauer
Street Address: 2189 N. Aronmink Way
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83642
Home Telephone: 887-2144
E-Mail: nugie@cableone.net
Company: United Water

Comment description: Dear Commissioners

Having been in senior management in the investment business for 40 years, it's difficult to grasp why United Water is requesting a 17.91% increase in water rates after receiving an 8% increase last year. That looks like a 25.91% increase over a 2 year period. They are asking for a 8.427% return on their investment instead of their (supposed) current rate of 5.929%. I assure you that most senior citizens or working people with investments are not receiving either of these yields on their current conservative investments, i.e. U.S. treasury bonds or bank CD's. The largest areas of increased operating expenses at United Water were the costs to fund the company's "pension plan" followed by rising depreciation expenses. Why is the cost of funding the companies pension plan so high? Could it be they under funded pensions in past years as many of our largest corporations in this country have done? Could they have under-funded pensions in past years as many corporations did to increase earnings, so their stock price would rise and their executives could get bigger bounues and more stock options? Better yet, maybe they should switch to a 401k plan to eleminate this problem in the future While you're at it, would someone might take a closer look at their depreciation schedules. This is a water company, not an airline.

No one would deny our utility companies a reasonable increases but United Water is way out of line requesting 17.91% after receiving an 8% rate increase last year. United Water has been adding about 1,000 to 2,000 new customers to their base rate structure for the last 2 to 3 years. I always thought that if your customer base expands your income goes up but I guess that only applies if your company has smart management and has allowed for the expected expansion. It's time to hire outside utility analysts who can be objective and give us guidance about future proposed rate increases. This rate increase should not be approved until a lot more digging is done and United Water comes up with the proper answers to their pension liabilities and depreciation schedules over the past few years as increases are totally outrageous. Don't let lobbyists taint your good judgment. Give them a rate increase that makes sense. Don't make the public pay for their mistakes. The public always pays for the mistakes corporations make either in rate increases or higher taxes to cover their blunders, like the savings and loan problem of the early 1990's and the pension bailouts now occurring. It's time to stand up for the people who pay your rather substantial salaries, not to mention pension and health benefits. Spend more time with your constituents and not the lobbyists and you will find there are many people who feel just like I do. We need our public officials to fight for us not buckle under to pressure from corporate sources or lobbyists. Can anyone tell me the last time a utility lowered rates when there costs went down or electric/gas costs went down, and they passed them along to their customers? Good Question? It's time to stop unreasonable utility inflation. If you need a free lunch, why not come to my house and maybe play a round of golf as we live on a golf course. I'm sure you would have a better time and a better conversation than with the local lobbyists or corporate guru's and we wouldn't be looking for anything in return.

Thanks for listening and please be prudent in your decision on this increase.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Neugebauer
Former Managing Director Tucker Anthony Sutro Inc.

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Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 12:41 PM
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WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
12:40:31 PM

Case: UWI-W-06-02
Name: David W. Oster
Street_Address: 1201 Harrison Boulevard
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83702
Home_Telephone: 208-853-2543
E-Mail: doster5126@aol.com

Company: United Water
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I oppose the rate increase proposal from United Water. I own a number of properties around the Treasure Valley and from direct experience I note that United Water has the highest or nearly the highest rates in the Valley at this time. Their charges are needlessly high already and they have a mysterious charge called a "customer charge" which is some kind of connection privilege charge that has no explanation. My rates on my other properties are much lower than my United Water rates and this company and its high charges represents a financial burden on me and my family. I suspect the "for profit" nature of United Water and its out of area ownership contribute to these high rates and unreasonable charges. Compared to other areas of the valley where locally owned cooperatives control water service, United Water is charging an egregiously high fee already and certainly should not be granted an increase in any way.

David W. Oster

Transaction ID: 341240.31
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 6:04 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 06, 2006
6:04:29 PM

Case: UWI-W-06-02
Name: Margaret Holaday
Street_Address: 414 Bitterroot Drive
City: boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83709

Home_Telephone: 562-0745
E-Mail: holadaymom@msn.com

Company: United Water
mailing_list_yes no: yes

Comment_description: This is ridiculous! The last approved 8% hike equaled how many dollars? Keep in mind, with the Boise area doubling in size ... that means United Water is doubling their revenue. I've never heard so much whining in my life as what comes out of United Water. There is a cost of doing business and improvements have been made. There is also revenue that has paid for it. Quit trying to rape us.

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 11:45 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
11:45:06 AM

Case: UWI-W-06-2
Name: Donald Pribble
Street_Address: 10163 Springdale Court
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83704

Home_Telephone: (208) 658-1341
E-Mail: donald.pribble@att.net
Company: United Water - Idaho

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I have a retirement income that increases based on a Cost of Living Index, usually tagged at about two percentage points per year. Over the past few years my property taxes, gas and electricity rates have increased well over 800% more than my income increases. My health insurance premiums may increase 300% this year and of course gasoline prices are expected to steadily rise. I understand the need to increase rates but large increases at one time is extremely damaging to retirees and the general population. Request the Commission consider spreading-out increases at smaller amounts and reject the 17.9% increase in a single year.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 10:10 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
10:09:50 AM

Case: water rate hike of 17.9%
Name: Billie Hawley
Street Address: 1915 N 16 St.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83702
Home Telephone: 338-3815
E-Mail: bnbhawley@yahoo.com

Company:

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: The big rate increase is unjustified at this time. PUC should use a plan of "user pays". The uncontrolled suburban sprawl of home on 1/2 acre plus land is not condusive to the High Plains Desert we live on. It is time for the lushous green lawn people to pay more than their share for water down the drain.

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From: Ed Howell
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Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 04, 2006
7:06:36 AM

Case: Unied Water 18% rate hike
Name: Kevin L. Saxton
Street Address: 11192 Powderhorn
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83713

Home Telephone: 2083222617
E-Mail: ksaxone@cableone.net

Company: United Water
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: My main complaint is to the PUC, I still want to know why we have a PUC in the first place?? If any of these utilities want a pay hike, rate incr. whatever! You people just GIVE it to them anyway! I say there is NO regulation there whatsoever. Is it not a waste of taxpayer dollars to have a PUC?? No matter who wants a rate hike, you people give it to them.

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Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Saturday, March 04, 2006
6:40:01 AM

Case: UWI-W-06-02
Name: LMLechner
Street Address: 3516 Barberry Drive
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83703-4110
Home Telephone:
E-Mail: lechbrin@Mindspring.com

Company: United Water
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Idaho needs to buy back its ownership in its fresh water. Why should we pay for shareholders profit with a needed necessity such as our fresh water. The amount we are paying share holders would cover the upkeep of our city, states own water utility company. We also should not have to pay for the construction of new water to new structures this is the resposibilty of the developers we have already payed for our lines and only should pay for repair and upkeep of the original infrastructure.

Buy back our water now!!!!!!!

It is very scarey to think another country having control of over 1/3 of all the United States fresh water. What are we thinking.

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 3:51 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 06, 2006
3:50:53 PM

Case:

Name: rex knapton
Street_Address: 325 howe st.
City: boise
State: id.
ZIP: 83706
Home_Telephone: 345-0157
E-Mail:

Company: united water

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: Having received a 7.68 rate increase in the late summer of 05, I would hardly think U. water would qualify for an additional increase less than six months later. The fact seems to be forgotten that the water supplied originated in the ground or the river, not manufactured by U. water, and belonged to the people in the first place. yup. I know, they deliver it, and pretty well too, but most of us are unable to pass along cost increases, and in the process, come up short. Thanks for the chance to suggest not granting the increase. R. Knapton

Transaction ID: 361550.53

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User Hostname: 67.1.3.130