

✓ Ken Ack
sent 3/20/06

✓ To AV

✓ To Commis
JK

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 9:55 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: water rate request

>-----
>From: James Mary Davis[SMT: XJIMARY@EARTHLINK.NET]
>Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 9:55:58 AM
>To: secretary
>Subject: water rate request
>Auto forwarded by a Rule
>
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720--0074

The rate increase application notice sent to United Water customers on February 13 appears to be deliberately misleading. It attempts to portray United Water as a strictly local company that has to produce money for expansion from local users.

Actually the money that we pay for our water service goes to a gigantic for profit company, Suez Lyonnaise Des Faux in Hamington Park, N. J. This holding company that owns our Boise system has operations in many other U.S. cities and several foreign countries .

When AT&T has to expand service in a growing area like Boise, they do not raise local telephone rates to pay for the cost of getting new customers and increasing revenue. When Union Pacific Railroad builds a new siding to provide freight service to a growing industrial area, they do not raise freight rates to the local customers to cover the cost. Big national corporations spread the cost of expansion over their entire system, so why not Suez Lyonnaise Des Faux?

What United Water in Boise is doing now to increase capacity should have been done ten years ago. They ignored the growth trend, that was so obvious to everyone else, and used their monopoly status to create an unnecessary shortage so they could demand higher summer rates and price water so high that many people are unable to water their lawns.

For every thousand new customers, Suez gets increased revenue of \$327,000 every year and they try to make it appear as a great financial strain. They do not own the water. It is a natural resource, like air, that belongs to everybody.

Assuming the PUC is acting in the interests of Idaho citizens, I think it should refuse the rate increase and tell Suez to fund expansion from the entire company. If they do not want to serve Boise at a reasonable cost they should give up their franchise and let Boise City or another locally responsible entity take over the water company.

Sincerely,
James W. Davis
Boise, ID

✓ Jean Ack
sent 3/20/06

✓ To Av.

✓ To Comments
H

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 10:44 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 20, 2006
10:43:58 AM

Case:

Name: Crandall Copp
Street Address: 3100 Ridgeway Dr
City: Boise
State: Id
ZIP: 83702

Home Telephone: 484-6069
E-Mail: zodiacpsycho@yahoo.com
Company: United Water Idaho

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am strongly objecting to any rate increase by any utility in this area.. The property taxes are insane now also.. Do all this with a sales tax increase so everybody pays their way.. Not just the property owners.. thanks

Transaction ID: 3201043.58
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
User Address: 24.117.26.105
User Hostname: 24.117.26.105

✓ Ack sent 3/20/06

✓ To Commis. JH

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2006 9:54 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 18, 2006
9:54:28 PM

Case: UWI-W-06-02
Name: D. Parliman
Street Address: 1708 N. 14th
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83702
Home Telephone: 208-387-1326
E-Mail: dparliman@yahoo.com
Company: United Water Idaho
mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I recently received a Notice of Application to Increase Rates from UWI, proposing a 17.9% increase in rates. The letter states that this nearly 18% increase in NECESSARY so UWI will 'have an opportunity to earn a return on its investments in water facilities'. An increase in rates to cover inflation expenses is understandable. An 18% increase seems excessive-- gouging customers for a necessary service? The individual water customer can't know if this is a NECESSARY increase, but the PUC has the information and expertise to separate NECESSARY from UNnecessary. Or maybe this is the game where asking for 18% makes a smaller (but still relatively large) percentage seem more reasonable?

Transaction ID: 3182154.28
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
User Address: 71.209.36.27
User Hostname: 71.209.36.27