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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:17 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, May 12, 2006  
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Case: Unknown  
Name: Craig Noll  
Street\_Address: 2236 Elderberry Place  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83706-4492  
Home\_Telephone: 208-331-1972  
E-Mail: canoll@earthlink.net  
Company: United Water Idaho  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no  
Comment\_description: Ladies & Gentlemen:

I'm writing relative to the recent request for rate increases by United Water Idaho. The stated purpose for the 17.91% rate increase is to "have an opportunity to earn a return on its investments in water facilities and to address ongoing costs of operation."

To put it succinctly, I am one consumer who, in an era of decreasing wages and benefits, am tired of watching business, especially public utilities, request 10%, 17% and 27% rate increases. What ever happened to the era of 2% - 5% increases to cover inflation? I am of the opinion that these increases are directly related to new development and simple greed. Frankly, I'm tired of subsidizing the growth of a publicly-traded company with clearly unreasonable rate increases. That is flat wrong, especially when the increases continue to come in, year after year, with ridiculously high percentage rates. It's far past time that developers and new residents bear the financial burden of their new developments.

Sincerely,

Craig Noll

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IDaho PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

**Reference: United Water Idaho Inc. rate increase request**

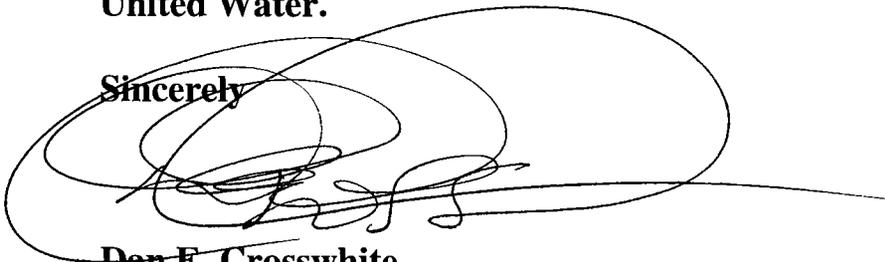
**Dear Commission Members**

**I am writing to PROTEST further increases in our utility rates including United Water's request for a 17.91%! As a Boise resident for the past 9 years we have faced continuing increases in our utility rates that far outstrip my wage increases at work! My net increase this year was \$1.62 per my bi-weekly paycheck! Just the increases in gas prices during the past few months alone took my net increases for the past two years or more. So I continue to go backwards on my income trying to pay these increasing costs.**

**All the influx of homes in Boise and the surrounding area should have provided United Water with the additional revenue they need without increasing the rates of existing home owners when this year when we have so much snow pack and available water for a change.**

**I am asking you to deny in whole this request increase in water rates by United Water.**

**Sincerely**



**Dan E. Crosswhite  
6077 W. Oreana  
Boise, ID 83709**

**Cc: United Water Idaho Inc.  
P.O. Box 190420  
Boise, ID 83719-0420**

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Robert H. Wood  
7131 Brentwood Dr.  
Boise, Idaho 83709

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May 10, 2006

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Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Gentlemen,

I refer to the February 13, 2006 United Water Idaho letter regarding Notice of Application to Increase Rates. The reasons for the need to raise rates stated by United Water Idaho are:

1. To provide United Water Idaho a return on its investments in water facilities.
2. To provide recovery of more than \$14 million invested in source, treatment and distribution facilities that have not yet been allowed for recovery.
3. To pay for increases in ongoing costs of operations since United Water's last general rate case.

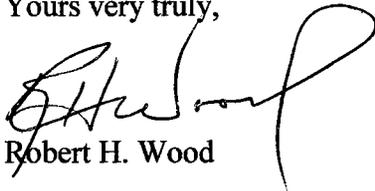
I object to the proposed increase in rates for the following reasons:

1. I live on a lot of .27 acre with a house and driveway occupying a major portion of the yard surface. My house was built in 1964 and water service has been provided since then. My water bill last year was \$610.58. Therefore the amount I will pay if my bill is increased by 17.91% will be  $\$610.58 \times 1.1791 = \$719.93$  or an increase of \$109.35/year rather than \$59 suggested by United Water. I suggest that the information provided by United Water is seriously misleading and the amount of increase is exorbitant.
2. I object to the application of the rate increases to all classes of customers. While this would simplify administration and accounting by United Water it is important to consider that many customers were serviced by infrastructure in place long before United Water took over the infrastructure and operations. I suspect the \$14 million investment for the most part pertains to water services to new homes and businesses. I suggest it is not fair for existing customers to pay for infrastructure additions that are made to service new residential and commercial customers. Such new customers should pay the bill for the infrastructure additions to provide them water service.
3. Similarly, I suggest it is unfair to seek a return on this investment from existing customers. Such return should be provided by the new customers.
4. I object to paying any increase in rates that is proposed to provide an increase in profits to United Water. When the services were provided by the city there was not a profit element in the city charges for water service. I suggest the objective in privatizing the Boise water supply system was that United Water Idaho could and

would provide water service more efficiently than Boise city and at less cost to the customers. United Water's profit was to be derived from the more efficient operation of the water system by the private entity.

I trust you will give my objections serious consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Wood", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Wood

Cc United Water Idaho Inc.

United Water Idaho  
8248 West Victory Road  
Boise, ID 83719  
Tel: 208.362.7304  
Fax: 208.362.1479



February 13, 2006

### Notice of Application to Increase Rates

Dear United Water Idaho Customer:

This is to notify you that on February 10, 2006 United Water Idaho filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) asking for authority to increase the company's rates and charges.

In the Application, United Water is proposing a revenue increase of \$5,921,691, which represents an overall increase in rates of 17.91%, to be applied equally to all classes of customers. The requested increase would raise rates for a typical residential customer by about \$4.90 a month, bringing the average annual residential bill from \$327 to \$386.

The proposed increase is necessary so that United Water will have an opportunity to earn a return on its investments in water facilities which are providing service to customers. United Water has invested more than \$14 million in source, treatment and distribution facilities that have not yet been allowed for recovery in the company's rates. An increase in revenue is necessary to support these investments and to maintain a sound financial position. Additionally, ongoing costs of operations have increased since United Water's last general rate case.

The proposed increase in rates is subject to review and a decision by the IPUC, which may accept, modify or reject in whole or in part the proposed increase. A complete copy of the proposal is available at the company's office at 8248 West Victory Road, Boise, Idaho, and at the Commission's office at 472 West Washington, Boise, Idaho. It is also available on-line at the IPUC website:  
<http://www.puc.state.id.us/FILEROOM/water/water.htm>.

You can also file a comment on the Application via the IPUC website at:  
<http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>.

Or mail comments to:

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or

United Water Idaho Inc.  
P.O. Box 190420  
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Louise LITTLE  
4301 W. Quail Place  
Boise, ID 83703

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Sincerely,

United Water Idaho

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*Note: [Reject] W. request  
I feel PUC is not acting in our best  
interests. It should act negatively to United  
States Co's request. In other words, do not  
permit revenue increase \$4.90/mo. is another  
increase? In sit mos. there will be another  
another such request. Say no!*

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*Respectfully,  
Louise R. Little*

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*Handwritten notes:*  
- "THIS IS BULL" with a large diagonal slash through it.  
- "I WISH I COULD" written vertically.  
- "I WANT A 17.9% RAISE?" written diagonally.  
- A large signature "Dennis" at the bottom right.

Ken Ack  
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May 13, 2006

Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I can't afford to water my yard during the summer as it is, then to give the water co. ok to raise our water bill is outrageous. I am on a fixed income. With all the rain & snow run off, why would it be necessary to give them an ok for a raise?

I think that the 17.91% increase is way to high.

Joyce M. Rausch  
2900 N. Woody Dr.  
Boise, Idaho - 83703

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