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A Comment from Shaun Bonney follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

I am concerned with the rate of return being proposed in this rate increase request (originally 8.49%). I understand that United Water has incurred 'capital expenses.' I am not sure, however, the details of those expenses, but suggest that, in these difficult times, expenses should be reduced to the bear minimum, such that capital expenditures for non-essential operations be excluded.

While it nearly goes without saying that any rate increase will have a significant impacted on this community, it is worth stating here again. Most people are getting by with less pay and less discretionary monies. I have personally seen people take significant pay cuts to hold on to their jobs. I also understand that the unemployment and foreclosure rates are starting to hold, but unfortunately, most people's savings have been significantly reduced. Therefore, I urge this Commission to consider the practical impact of a rate increase. Most people's economic circumstances are in decline; a 'rate of return' for United Water should be restricted such that its profitability is inline with those experienced by the public at large, which I suggest is something less than the 'rate of return' being proposed.

I would also like to see the Commission extend the period for additional request beyond the proposed June 2011 date. A one-year hold on a rate request is not much of a consideration.

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