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Case No. UWI-W-09-01
United Water Rate Increase Case

PUC Members,

We understand that United Water has shown how their expenses and improvements should justify a rate increase.

We question why the customer fee, before any water is delivered, is so much higher than the other utilities. Our understanding is that they only read the meter once every two months compared to the power and gas that read every month, which should lower the per customer cost not increase it. Due to the customer fee, we paid as much as \$4.11 per CCF last winter.

Monthly Customer Charges
Idaho Power-\$4.00
Intermountain Gas-\$6.50
United Water--\$8.11

If we were Capital Water customers we would have paid \$246.50 last year compared to \$450.91 that we were charged a difference of \$204.41. Why can Capital Water Company, only 1 mile away, deliver water for 45.3% less? Is it efficient management? If United Water needs a rate increase and smaller water companies can deliver for less, maybe the Commission should consider allowing smaller companies to purchase some of the water rites in order to maintain lower rates.

Another concern we have is the economy at this time. We and most others did not have an increase in our income and even a loss of income for some because of the poor economy. This should be considered in any rate requests.

We believe the management of United Water needs to look at where they can cut costs, and that the rate increase should be denied.

John & Cathy Taylor

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A Comment from John Muir follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:
Don't you people make enough money off of the back of hard working Idahoans. I have just heard of a potential rate increase for water services. My water bill in the summer time is usually 200 or 300 dollars every billing period. The American people are tired of big business doing what they want just like they are tired of the Government running this country into the ground. Keep the rates where they are.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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