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To Public Utilities Commission

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UNITED WATER OF IDAHO WANTS TO RAISE
WATER RATES BY 19.9%

THEIR T.V. ADS WARN US TO BE
WATER SMART. THEY SUGGEST WE WASH
DISHES & CLOTHES ONLY WHEN FULL LOADS
THEY WANT US TO BUY WATER SAVING
DISH & CLOTHES WASHERS AND TOILETS
THEY WANT US TO USE IRRIGATION WATER
TO WATER LAWNS, PLANTS AND TO WASH
CARS. ECT

NOW THAT WE SPEND HARD EARNED MONEY
TO BUY WATER CONSERVING WASHERS, FAUCETS
ECT - THEY WANT TO PENALIZE US FOR
FOLLOWING THEIR SUGGESTIONS

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE RATE
INCREASE - THANK YOU

DENNIS LENOX
9652 W WICHITA ST
BOISE 83709



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UTILITIES COMMISSION

To who it may concern,

In a recent article in the Idaho Statesman, it was brought to my attention that United Water Idaho wants to raise rates, partly due to falling consumption.

In the TV ads it suggested we wash dishes, rather than run the dishwasher. Make sure we wash a full load of laundry, rather than a small one. Buy water conserving dishwashers, washing machines and toilets. We are to use our irrigation water to water our lawns, our plants and wash our cars.

Now that we, the public, have conserved our water, United Water wants to raise our rates, penalizing us for doing exactly what we were asked to do.

I ask for no more rate hikes!

Thank you,

Jean Jewell

From: debored@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 12:34 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from John Thornton follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: John Thornton
Address: 942 Tracey Lane
City: Decatur
State: AL
Zip: 35601
Daytime Telephone: 256-345-9771
Contact E-Mail: debored@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Decatur Utilities
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

You can't be serious. You are raising the rates because people are using less water? You must be a bunch of dumbasses. You can quote me on that.

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

From: vjunk@uidaho.edu
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 12:21 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Virginia and William Junk follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: Virginia and William Junk
Address: 3859 West Deerpath Drive
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 2083011467
Contact E-Mail: vjunk@uidaho.edu
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

A 19.9% increase in water rates is unreasonable and sends the wrong message. Why penalize users because they are doing things like xeriscaping to cut down on water use? As a state focusing more on beauty and tourism, we are increasingly doing things to protect our environment, including water. We are disappointed in a company that raises their rates regardless of water levels, but bases the increases solely on projects they wish to fund. This budget process seems to be the wrong approach.

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IP address is 24.116.147.53

Jean Jewell

From: brown1978@msn.com
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 10:57 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Linda C. Brown follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02.
Name: Linda C. Brown
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: brown1978@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Why is it that state legislatures and public utility companies simply raise taxes & rates whenever there is a decreased demand on their services, when private sector companies take cost-saving measures by laying off workers and tightening their belts? Idahoans are using less water in a grand effort to wisely conserve our resources, but United Water wants to raise rates so they can maintain their same level of staff and administration perks. No! Do what the rest of us do -- get rid of excess employees and tighten your belt. This is an outrageous request in the midst of the new Great Depression. Absolutely appalling request. PUC Commissioners, please 'just say no.'

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IP address is 71.36.18.90

Jean Jewell

From: IDoNotHaveOne@email.com
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 9:20 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from William Smith follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: William Smith
Address:
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: IDoNotHaveOne@email.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
To whom it may concern,

Rate Increase: I conserve water the best I can to comply with United Water and now they will punish me for it? Help me to understand this!! They want 20%+ rate increase for the losses incurred by us using less water. I think it is time to review where their profits are going. There is something fishy here and it's not the water. At 62, I am old enough to know when someone is pulling a fast one, enough is enough!!

William

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Jean Jewell

From: Jean Jewell
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 2:07 PM
To: Anga Velasquez
Subject: Name for UWI-W-11-02 Mailing List - FW: PUC Comment Form

-----Original Message-----

From: tombuchta2@gmail.com [<mailto:tombuchta2@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 2:45 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Thomas Buchta follows:

Case Number: UWI W-11-02
Name: Thomas Buchta
Address: 3798 W Deerpath
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 208-639-2619
Contact E-Mail: tombuchta2@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Based on the information that I have been able to obtain am writing to urge you to deny United Water's request for a 20% increase in rates for the following reasons.

The two chief reasons given for the increase are investments in the system since 2009 and the nearly 25% decrease decline in demand for water.

The obvious question on everyone's mind is why were these costly expenditures needed or undertaken needed at a time when demand for water declined? Surely it was obvious to everyone that by 2008 the local economy was in trouble. Surely it was also obvious to United that demand for water, and its customers ability to pay for service was in a steep decline. In the face of these declines how could they possibly justify new water treatment plants and lines that they did not have funds for, and which could have clearly been deferred or foregone entirely (improving water hardness and pressure) without any reduction in public health or safety? This approach of spending money you know you don't have and then asking for a rate increase is irresponsible and must not be rewarded.

Second, the IPUC must evaluated whether United's parent company, Suez Environment, a Paris based, world-wide holding company, may have simply decided to maximize its profits regardless of how much we need or use their services. I realize this is a difficult task, but if our local school systems are having to cut costs before asking for increased funding, can we demand no less from our public utilities?

I plan to live a long time in the Treasure Valley and I am willing to pay my fair share of needed services. However, I know that we can't go on indefinitely agreeing to paying higher and higher utility costs, and in this case, for less and less water. The IPUC can send a strong message to United by denying this increase, and forcing them to conduct their business

as we all have to these days, by not spending what we don't have and living within our budgets.

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Jean Jewell

From: bshow317@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 5:14 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Robert Showalter follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Robert Showalter
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83705
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: bshow317@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

United water wants a rate increase that will raise 70 million in revenue the first year to pay a 20 million dollar expense? What do they plan on doing with the other 50 million? United water is asking way too much from people who are constantly having to pay more for everything. In this economy, United Water is asking WAY to much. I can understand an increase that will cover thier expenditures but a 70 million dollar income the first year is crazy. If an increase is approved and they are back on track, when does the decrease come? We all know the answer to that question! Approve only an increase that within reason. Thank you.

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IP address is 174.47.95.231

Jean Jewell

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 12:02 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company:
Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:
David Buhner
Boise
ID
davidbuhner@hotmail.com

The rate increase for low users wouldn't be to bad but they should have a reduced rate for people who use a lot of water like what the electric company does for people who use past a certain amount.

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