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A Comment from Carla J Finis follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

In United Water Idaho's application for a nearly 20% rate increase they cite achieving a reasonable rate of return of 8.43% on their investment as they, apparently, are of the opinion that a 5.64% return is unreasonable.

Given the current economic climate, I would suggest that the 5.64% level is more than reasonable and, if anything, United Water Idaho's rates should be decreased. However, perhaps I missed the federal or state statute guaranteeing a certain profit level (or any profit at all) for commercial entities.

Additionally, their citation of decreased water consumption illustrates a glaring problem when for-profit entities manage natural resources ... there is no impetus (on their part) to conserve those precious resources (unless, of course, they are allowed to raise rates to maintain a level of profit they deem 'reasonable'). Water is a precious resource and everything possible should be done to conserve it -from converting all toilets to dual-flush to incorporating xeriscape choices in our landscapes - all without worry of the repercussion of increased water-use rates.

United Water Idaho's request for ANY rate increase should be denied.

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