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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Mr. Wyatt:

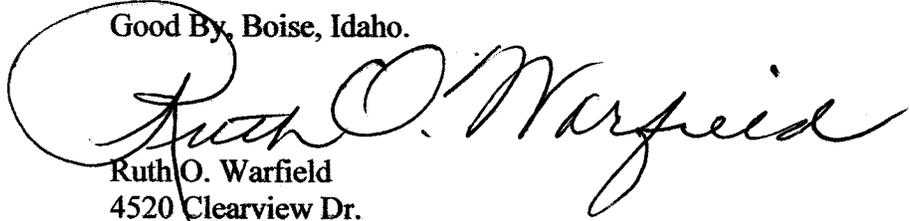
The 20% water increase for the lowly peons who are hanging on....raspberries!

Don't they (and you) realize that the 1000+ vacant homes in the Treasure Valley shut off their utilities first thing? Both the water company and the power company who are also looking for an increase, want to maintain their cash flow, but there is no one out there!!

This is just so B A D . The Intermountain Gas Company is nasty, too. You just don't get it. What will it take for you to look "up" and see what's happening?

I'll hang on for a little bit more, but the first thing I will do is shut off all of the utilities.

Good By, Boise, Idaho.


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Jean Jewell

From: Anga Velasquez
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 6:42 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Re; United Water's filing for rate increase

UWI-W-11-02

From: Bill Sullivan [<mailto:billyboy@uci.net>]
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 6:57 PM
To: Anga Velasquez
Subject: Re; United Water's filing for rate increase

As a long time residential customer of United Water Idaho, I am writing to "comment" on their proposal for a rate increase of 19.9%. In as much as we all recognize the importance of our water's quality, I feel that the amount asked for is significant, and will be an additional burden on many people, especially now in these trying economic times. Perhaps, United Water can find other ways to find the revenue it needs? Thank you. William J. Sullivan

Jean Jewell

From: hentges4@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 1:58 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from BILL HENTGES follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: BILL HENTGES
Address: 8015 W. Thunder Mountain Dr.
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83709
Daytime Telephone: 2083626747
Contact E-Mail: hentges4@juno.com
Name of Utility Company: UNITED WATER
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to add my voice to the many others in protest of a gigantic rate increase by a foreign company because they have suffered decreased revenue due to a wet spring.

Many vacant and foreclosed properties are not using water and that's a price united water pays for the leaders of the banking industry and wall street leading people into traps they couldn't afford. They recieved the benefit when they were scooping up hookup fees.

A rate increase such as this is just the same as rasing taxes on the middle class. People with families have more laundry and dishes and showers taking place and they suffer a disproportionate share of the burden when they already have higher sales tax for groceries and necessities. It is well agreed that rasing taxes in a recession is a bad thing for the economy which if resurected will restart home construction and increase hookup fees.

Speaking of sales tax didn't Risch pass an increase to give property tax breaks to big business? My home value went down over 100k and my property tax only declined \$15.00. Let businesses pay for their enormous water consumption (Micron).

I hope you will realize this rate increase will only help to break the backs of more working class families and apply a standard to the utility industry of no rate increases across the board until the economy and the middle class are back on their feet.

Thank You

Bill Hentges.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 24.119.90.198

Jean Jewell

From: wturner248@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 3:30 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Wendy Turner follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: Wendy Turner
Address: 2248 Ridge Point Way
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: wturner248@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Mr. Wyatt and IPUC Commissioners,

I oppose the United Water Idaho(Suez)proposal to increase rates. The letter I received in my latest bill states that 'The average water consumption per metered customer has continued to decline significantly over the past several years....' Looking at United Water's website, you will find a tab devoted to environmental concerns including conservation. Customers have been asked to conserve water and we have. It is counter-intuitive that we be punished for conserving--especially at the express request and under the guidance of United Water.

Customers have taken the responsibility to reduce water usage efforts. I suggest that it is now the responsibility of United Water (Suez) to review their business practices and match user efficiency with operating efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rate hike.

Regards,
Wendy Turner

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 24.116.141.218

Jean Jewell

From: jdmcjm@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 5:42 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jason Moodie follows:

Case Number: United Water Rate Increase - *LWI-W-11-02*
Name: Jason Moodie
Address: 12553 W. Suffolk Court
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83709
Daytime Telephone: 208-362-1089
Contact E-Mail: jdmcjm@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: United water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I think United Water's request for a 20% rate increase is out of line. Times are tough and that is a big increase. It must be nice to have a business where you are guaranteed to make a profit and if you are not making enough, raise your price 20% because your customers have no other choice.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 24.117.174.238

Jean Jewell

From: crober8@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 4:34 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Charles Roberts follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Charles Roberts
Address: 6615 W. Limelight Dr.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 853-5409
Contact E-Mail: crober8@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am Writing to urge a no vote on the proposed rate increase that United Water Idaho has asked for. They received a two phase rate increase last year. They list many projects as the reason for these increases. Its my feeling that maybe they should have posponed those projects for a while considering the shape the economy is in. We had a great winter last year and there is no shortage of water. United seems to be complaining that folks are not using as much water so that is reason to up the rates. The reason folks are using less water is because the rates are too high now. Please do not rubber stamp this request by United Water. Perhaps United Water should not start projects in a poor economy with the expectation that the bill will be paid for down the road with huge rate increases. A 19% increase is a scandal. Enough is enough. United Water can amortize the cost of their projects over a longer period of time like most other business's do...

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

From: mannion2141@msn.com
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 4:15 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kris Mannion follows:

Case Number: United Water - *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Kris Mannion
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: mannion2141@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

In reading the material sent from the water company, they state that they, in part, are requesting a rate increase due to decreased water consumption. As a consumer, and as a person conscious of environmental issues, I have made a concerted effort to monitor water consumption in my home and use of irrigation to my landscaping, and have successfully decreased water usage. It is my concern that the rate increase is a way of 'punishing' my household for being a conscious consumer and saving water. Rather than increasing my rates, there should be an incentive for decreased usage and water conservation.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 96.18.194.51
