

Jean Jewell

From: js_weber@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 3:28 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from John Weber follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: John Weber
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: js_weber@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have reviewed this open case. It does seem that this is a very large rate increase for just being granted a rate increase in March of 2010. The per unit of water charge increase does not bother me as much as the bi-monthly customer charge. Raising the the bi-monthly customer charge hurts the low income the most and does not encourage conservation. Water conservation is a goal of the state and rates should be used to encourage this. Adding another tier with a higher rate would be a step in the right direction. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

From: sseigneur@cableone.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 12:17 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Suzanne Seigneur follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: Suzanne Seigneur
Address: 1838 Danmore Drive
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone: 208 286-2157
Contact E-Mail: sseigneur@cableone.net
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear IPUC Review Committee,

I resoundingly oppose the rate increase of 19.9% filed by United Water and I urge you to reject their proposal.

Clearly United Water could identify that water consumption will continue to decrease - that's no surprise given the green movement and the economy. So United Water should have taken a good hard look at 'fixed' expenditures over time and identified ways to eliminate costs just like we all have to. The last increase they were awarded was just one year ago. What happened??? Sounds like irresponsible financial management to me.

To propose that I pay more for water when I, and the rest of Boise's water-conserving population, consume less, is unimaginable and just plain wrong. Can we get another utility to take over?

Regards,
Suzanne Seigneur

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Jean Jewell

From: hogg91672@msn.com
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 1:09 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tom Hogg follows:

Case Number: United Water Rate Increase - *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Tom Hogg
Address: 2614 West Davis Street
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 208-342-323
Contact E-Mail: hogg91672@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Daer Sirs and Madam:

I am wirting to voice my strong objection to the rate increase being sought by United Water. Like Idaho Power, United Water endorses and encourage subscribers to conserve. The conservation by the water users is now the basis of their rate increase request. Had we subcribers over used the water resource they would be seaking a rate increase as well. They can't have both ways, and we consumers, can ill afford another cost increase in addition to increaes in property taxes being imposed by our fine mayor and city council.

I ask that this rate increase be denied.

Thank you.

Tom Hogg

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Jean Jewell

From: sharla.edgar@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sharla Edgar follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Sharla Edgar
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: sharla.edgar@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I object to United Water's proposed rate increase. I am retired on a fixed income. Like many others, I have not only stopped getting annual income increases due to the economic collapse, my income has steadily decreased. I have had to cut back in every possible area, including water usage. I've become adept at minimizing expenses by minimizing my life. To cut water usage I take marine showers instead of baths, wear clothes for several days, and water my lawn only to maintain a nice shade of brown. And yet, United Water penalizes me further by increasing rates to make up for its reduced income. I propose that United Water cut its own expenses instead of increasing my rates.

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Jean Jewell

From: stumpfc@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 7:59 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Christa Stumpf follows:

Case Number: *UWI-W-11-02*
Name: Christa Stumpf
Address: 1417 East Franklin St
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: stumpfc@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
United Water should not be allowed to increase their rates based on a decline in use (which is a good thing) or lower company revenues. Furthermore, this rate increase follows too closely after the March 2010 increase. Do not approve this application to increase rates.

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Jean Jewell

From: dblcx@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 6:05 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ellen Cooper follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: Ellen Cooper
Address: 8157 W Sagebrush Way
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83709
Daytime Telephone: 208-898-3511
Contact E-Mail: dblcx@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Personally, I was literally shocked when we received our United Water bill for the period of 6/12/11 to 8/12/11 for \$374 and some odd cents, especially, since we had rain just about the whole month of June!! We had our sprinklers re-adjusted to run for 40 mins. every other day. Last year they ran 35 mins., alternating odd & even days. I CAN'T imagine such a difference in pricing from 2010 to 2011; same time frame for 2010 was around \$214 (which I thought was high then!). It is bad enough that our home is located less than 200 yards from the New York Canal and the developer waived water rights (built 1974 - the only home we have ever had. At the time we just assumed the land was irrigated - A big mistake on our part, as we continually pay for that mistake over and over!!) The past two years, three of our neighbors homes have taken out their lawns. We just tore out all of our bushes that have been there for over 34 years! We just CAN'T CONTINUE to pay such high water prices during the summer months!!! I mentioned the water cost to my sister in southern California and she said her bill was about the same as mine. Again, I was shocked! With the great state of Idaho being so abundant in water, WHY IS OUR WATER BILL SO HIGH & CONTINUALLY INCREASING???? I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

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Jean Jewell

From: mtntred67@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Catherine Sansotta follows:

Case Number: UWI-W-11-02
Name: Catherine Sansotta
Address: 4505 South Tinker Pl.
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83709
Daytime Telephone: (208) 362-1347
Contact E-Mail: mtntred67@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho Suez
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Regarding proposed rate hike - why don't you use the abandoned deposits you are proposing for low income (UWI-W-11-03) and apply it to your rate increase request? I earn \$10 an hour and am trying to hang on to my home of 20 years. We've had more water in the reservoir for so many years now I can't remember how long. Your proposal is so ridiculously high words truly cannot describe how it makes me feel. How nice of you to provide such nice clean water to the wealthiest neighborhoods in Boise by building them storage facilities and new water mains - why don't you make all those wealthy people pay for it instead of people like me that can't afford another increase in another utility bill? Why can't you be like Intermountain Gas and lower your price instead? God Bless Intermountain Gas. Regarding your 19.9% rate hike, or any other hike for that matter - you can take a hike.

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