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RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
2011 OCT 11 AM 8:38  
TO INCREASE RATES-UNITED WATER ID.  
IDAHO PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEAR SIRs:

I AM OPPOSED TO UNITED WATER'S  
19.9% RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL  
CUSTOMERS. WE ARE BEING ASKED  
TO PAY MORE FOR CONSERVING  
WATER AS THE COMPANY HAS  
DETACHED FOR YEARS. THE AMOUNT  
THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS EXCESSIVE  
SINCE WE ARE TOLD THERE IS NO  
INFLATION AT THIS TIME!

WE ALREADY PAY A 25%<sup>34%</sup> FEE OR TAX  
ABOVE OUR WATER USAGE DISGUISED  
AS CUSTOMER CHARGES<sup>FEES</sup> I VOTE  
NAY.

KENT MERRILL  
26 OLD QUARRY WAY, BOISE

**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** weluvthecoast@Yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 08, 2011 2:56 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from S. JUSTICE follows:

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Case Number: Case No. UWI-W-11-02.  
Name: S. JUSTICE  
Address:  
City: BOISE  
State: IDAHO  
Zip: 83709  
Daytime Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: [weluvthecoast@Yahoo.com](mailto:weluvthecoast@Yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are opposed to the rate increase request. Due to customers like us who have strived to conserve water we are being punished for doing so. For United Water to ask for a 20% rate increase is a slap in the face to its' customers. They state due to the significant decline in water usage they have significantly lower revenues. What about my significantly lower revenues in this economy? Why do we need to tighten our belts and they don't? It's not the customers fault they spent too much money. Thank you

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 71.209.38.79

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**From:** fishlipres@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 09, 2011 9:14 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gary Eckert follows:

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Case Number: UWI-W-11-02  
Name: Gary Eckert  
Address: 5972 S Teak Way  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83716  
Daytime Telephone: 208-345-5453  
Contact E-Mail: [fishlipres@cableone.net](mailto:fishlipres@cableone.net)  
Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

For many years United Water Idaho has charged a seasonal increase for summer(May 1 thru September 30) water consumption. When I contacted United Water Idaho I was told that the reason for the seasonal increase was to encourage water conservation. Now that the water consumption per metered customer is declining the water company is requesting an increase in rates. It does not make any sense to grant this increase. Apparently United Water Idaho has done a poor job managing their money and poorly prioritizing their projects. If the water company drops their seasonally adjusted billing increase than they may possibly deserve a small increase. Otherwise, there should be no increase and they should manage their company with the funds on hand.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 96.18.243.80

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**From:** wmmar26@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 4:19 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from William Martin follows:

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Case Number: UWI-W-11-02  
Name: William Martin  
Address:  
City: Boise  
State:  
Zip:  
Daytime Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: [wmmar26@aol.com](mailto:wmmar26@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company: United Water  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Wish I had a 20% increase in my income, then I might consider their request almost reasonable.

The cost of new equipment and systems should have been anticipated -there is no indication there were any emergency scenarios that required these expenditures. This is a cost of doing business and should have been anticipated and it is not an acceptable reason for a rate increase.

A reduction in water usage causing a reduction in revenue - what a surprise. They asked for it and they got it - Plan for it and reduce your expenses to accomodate the reduced revenue. This cannot be an acceptable basis for the requested rate increase.

I fully expect that a thorough review of the information provided as the basis for this rate increase will lead the members of the IPUC to reject this request. The profitability of United Water and its parent company must be reflective of good business practices and well planned capital investments - it is not the exclusive duty of the 'rate payers' to carry the entire load through rate increases.

Yours truly

William J. Martin

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 97.121.62.250

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