

**Jean Jewell**

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**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2012 5:02 PM  
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**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from M Williams follows:

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Name of Utility Company: Uniter Water  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

United Water states that they, in part, base their rate increase request on increased property taxes and increases to pension fund contributions. Show me the numbers on the property tax increase. Boise City has been decreasing property taxes. United Water increased contributions to pension funds to attract and retain employees while Idaho suffers a nine percent unemployment rate? Give me the phone number to the United Water economist so this economist can discuss this issue with him/her.

Negotiations 101: United Water asks for a 19% increase in rates. The PUC cuts the increase to 3 or 4% making the PUC heroes and giving United Water what they really wanted all along. United water states that they are currently making 5.64%. That's 5% more than the most of us are making after expenses. Hand United Water a rate decrease so the economic news of the day will become tangible to them, too.

Thanks, Mike

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 75.167.147.139

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