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Name of Utility Company: United Water Idaho Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I strongly object to the new rate increase. United water already has increased its rates once in the past couple of years and with this new proposed increase the sum total would be 13.2%. That is over 4 times the annual inflation rate. I do not agree with this as many of us Boise Bench customers depend on our regular water to water our lawns. I am all about not keeping the lawn super green as it is somewhat a waste of precious water, but I still need to keep it alive. I do not have the luxury of being able to water off of irrigation so I am forced to pay an outrageous amount for water use in the summer months. Another rate increase and I could be forced to take out even more lawn than I already have done so. I do not think it is fair that other parts of my neighborhood can afford to keep their lawns super green and lush making my house look like the ghetto minority of the block simply because I cannot afford water. Keeping a lawn green with drinking water is a complete waste of precious water but we are forced to keep a green lawn or to be shamed by the neighborhood. We live in Idaho and our cost of living is considerably lower than the average American city, let's keep it that way.

United Water if I am correct is owned by a French company Suez. I do not agree with us Idahoans paying a rate increase of over 4 times the inflation rate to ultimately make a foreign company more profitable. If Suez purchased United Water and it is not as profitable as they intended it sounds like an unsound business decision on their part. We the consumer and "little guy" should not have to take the brunt and ultimately pay for their mistake.

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Comment: I am opposed to the proposed rate increase filed by United Water Idaho, on 21 May, 2015 of 13.2 percent. While I understand this is the first rate increase request since 2012, the significant increase of 13.2 percent is hard to justify considering the rate of inflation measured by the CPI has been 1.7, 1.5, and .8 percent respectively in 2012, 2013, and 2014. So far in 2015, inflation as measured by CPI, is actually running almost zero, bringing the total for the 3 plus years since United Water Idaho last requested an increase to less than 4 percent. Or, about 9 percent below United Water's current rate increase request. Why are the above inflation numbers important? Because many people are on fixed incomes and their pay increases are determined by CPI each year. In addition, many local employers use the annual rate of inflation to gauge pay raises to employees each year. I don't believe many employees have had pay increases totaling 13.2 percent over the last 3 years, amounting to 4 times the rate of inflation. Additionally, I would like to point out that from 2009 and 2012, United Water Idaho customers have had an accumulative rate increase of 21 percent on their water bills (1.51 to 1.83 per CCF). This coupled with the current rate increase request to 2.07 per CCF means customers' water bills will have increased 37 percent since 2009. While the cumulative rate of inflation 2009-2014 has only been 11.2 percent. While I understand that United Water Idaho must maintain and improve their systems and infrastructure, I ask the commission to also consider the impact a 13.2 percent rate increase will have on United Water's customers and the overall 37 percent increase since 2009.

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