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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Re: Notice of Application To Increase Rates by
United Water Idaho - Filed with the IPUC. in
their request of May 21, 2015.

In the letter that I received from United
Water. on July 31, 2015 with my bi-monthly billing
for May and June of this year.

A statement in that letter, in support of the rate
increase, drew my attention. "a new main to
improve water pressure above Hill Road".

To lift water takes a lot of pump power and I suspect
all users help pay the power bill of United Water to pump water
up to those houses built above the valley floor.

I believe it would be good sound policy to establish
an average elevation of all well heads, and ground elevations
of water directly from the Boise River, and then calculate
the lift for the various zones in United Service area.

I'm sure Electrical, civil and Hydraulic Engineers, would find
this a very interesting, and perhaps eye opening study, in what the
true power costs are to provide water to users, at different
elevations above the average well head/supply sources. Then calculate
the power cost to lift one cubic foot of water, say ten feet or 20 feet.
then apply a differential ^{rate} to those users above the average well head/supply
source elevations. It is worth considering, that more and more
homes are being built at higher & higher elevations and it takes

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a lot of power to move water up-hill.
otherwise United Waters request probably has
merit.

Sincerely

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Jean Jewell

From: jmbcls@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:08 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: jmbcls@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Cory Stambaugh

Name: Cory Stambaugh
Case Number: UWI-W-15-01
Email: jmbcls@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: Box 140832
Boise IDAHO, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Mr.
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I am against this general rate increase. The new growth on Bogus Basin and above Hill Road should pay for that upgrade, not those of us who do not use it. They don't pay my HOA dues, why should I pay for their utility upgrade. It is time for Idaho to force growth to pay for infrastructure upgrades, etc, not those of us that have paid into this for years.

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: scott.smith4@centurylink.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Scott Smith

Name: Scott Smith
Case Number: *UWI-W-15-01*
Email: scott.smith4@centurylink.com
Telephone:
Address: 1312 S. Broxon St.
Boise ID, 83705

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Public Utilities Commission Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: It is NOT my fault that this company decided to spend \$39 Million in the past two years!! Therefore my family and I should not have to pay more money!! This is absurd! So every time some idiot big wig goes over budget or feels like making excuses for the way they spend the monies we all ALREADY pay them we have to pay more?! Didn't you already get a rate increase just TWO years ago?! So when does it stop MR. WYATT? Is your pay going up? It had better not be!! All that money spent and just this year all the water in my house smells like chlorine all the sudden! Was that where some of my money went? To make things worse? How about you take what we already do and have paid you and fix what is already broken before you ask for yet ANOTHER hand out!!!

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Jean Jewell

From: dougwisdom@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: dougwisdom@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Doug Wisdom

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Case Number: UWI-W-15-01
Email: dougwisdom@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 3933 N. Hackberry
Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: The proposed rate increase of 13.2% seems excessive. On July 12, 2015 I saw a commercial on CBS by United Water. Why are utilities spending money on TV commercials? It's not like we have a choice!

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Jean Jewell

From: cjb@idahotrust.com
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:58 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: cjb@idahotrust.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Catherine Cox

Name: Catherine Cox
Case Number: *UWI-W-15-01*
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Telephone:
Address: 3095 N Five Mile Rd
Boise ID, 83713

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

Comment: I strongly object to the proposed United Water revenue increase of \$5,881,308, or an overall increase in rates of 13.2%. Many families are already stressed to the max. Utilities need to find other solutions. Salaries of top executives could be reduced, for starters.

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Jean Jewell

From: no_spam@yardbids.com
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 10:08 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: no_spam@yardbids.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Richard Brown

Name: Richard Brown
Case Number: *UWI-W-15-01*
Email: no_spam@yardbids.com
Telephone:
Address: 6000 N Willow Cliff Way
Boise Idaho, 83713

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

Comment: I object to the purposed rate increase filed on May 21, 2015 by United Water. A rate increase of 13.2% is greater than the rate of inflation (5% over the same time) which points to bad money management which we should NOT reward. Wages have surely not increased 13.2% for the average Boise citizen. I suggest they save their desired \$5,881,308 by NOT sending endless solicitations for "leak guard insurance".

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Jean Jewell

From: mx6gtt@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:19 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Lawrence Hiebert

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Case Number: *UWI-W-15-01*
Email: mx6gtt@hotmail.com
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Address: 8920 W. Sunflower Ct.
Boise Idaho, 83704

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

Comment: When wages have not increased & housing values/equity have dropped & jobs are all technically trained, how do you propose us low income many in Idaho pull another \$50 a year from..? I think \$5 million, eight hundred & eighty one thousand and three hundred and eight dollars is an insane instant profit margin, & in reality being proposed every year after (not temporary)! Seriously?! Keep business a sustainable yet REASONABLE increase on those who pay. Go back to the drawing board. Who gets a 13.2% increase anywhere right now, unless your the cancer treatment center in the US & seeing exponentially more clients. Thus, absolutely opposed to this increase. If other business's want to increase profits they do more business ie more clients. They don't start charging more. A monopoly clearly thinks different when it comes to profits, that is for sure! In other words, in this market other businesses woyle not think of raising rates if they are competing in the market.

Sincerely your neighbor in Boise who is in favor of sustainability on all fronts.

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