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Dear Executive Director,

This letter is in regards to the Pittsfield Aqueduct Co., Inc. (PAC) petition to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to increase the PAC residential general metered customers. I've been a home owner of Locke Lake Colony since 1985, and have seen positive changes and improvements to the water system since Pennichuck Corporation purchased the previous water company. Unfortunately, the timing for this increase is terrible. My family can not afford such a substantial increase and we are requesting that the proposed rate increase be denied.

The state of our economy and all the issues related to fuel costs, gas for our vehicles, food, heat, families losing their homes, foreclosures the highest ever, unemployment, and of course tax increases. Recently I was laid off, which now I clearly understand what it means to be on a fixed income. Right at this moment my family can not afford an increase in water rates. Like thousands of others, and we all need some support and a little less financial pressure. These are my reasons why I am asking you to deny the rate increase as it is documented.

What I wish to propose in fairness to the Pittsfield Aqueduct Company (PAC) is continue to seek grants and low cost capital through both the State and Federal Government in order to keep the water rates as low as possible. At the same time, develop a increase plan raising the rates in smaller percentages over a five year period. Also, insure all rates are the same, we all pay for exactly what we use, therefore, seasonal families of Locke Lake Colony pay the exact same rates as those who live there year round and only pay for what they use.

Again, the proposed monthly increase is substantial and financially will have severe impact on my family I simply can not afford such an increase.

Sincerely,

Ronald Bastien  
Resident, Locke Lake Colony  
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