

Leighton, Adele

From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 9:45 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: Opposition to Petition for Increase in Rates

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account regarding Docket No. DW 08-098, Aquarion Water Company.

--Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: jjfuccillo@comcast.net [mailto:jjfuccillo@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:40 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Opposition to Petition for Increase in Rates



New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

The following is to voice our strong opposition to any proposed increase in water rates by the Aquarion Water Company. My wife and I own a condominium in Hampton, NH. It is a seasonal vacation home and is not used year round. We presently are struggling to pay the mortgage on the condominium as well as maintaining our permanent residence. The proposed increase to residential customers is grossly unfair and will create an undue hardship to most residents and homeowners. I am retired and my wife is also going to retire at the end of this year. With the drop in income we may not afford to keep both homes. As you know the state of the economy is perilous and has jeopardized the funds we and other Aquarion customers have saved for retirement.

This is not the time to raise rates. This is a time for the Aquarion Water Company to do what every other business in America has been required to do. That is to cut costs, control their expenses, reduce payroll and any other actions required to maintain level of service to their customers. Raising rates is not the solution.

There should be no increase to base rates charged to residential homeowners. Those of us who conserve water and use it sparingly should be rewarded and not penalized while other large businesses who consume the greater bulk of the water supply do not pay their fair share.

I would ask that the above be taken into consideration and that the proposed rate increase be denied.

Sincerely,

John Fuccillo
7 F Street
Hampton, NH

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