

Public Utilities Commission

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Concord, NH 03301

Attn: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

Thank you for your June 9<sup>th</sup> notice for a procedural schedule for Lakes Region Water Company. Here are my comments re their continued request for higher rates. Also, I refer you to my 2015 response to their last rate increase.

Since LRWC took over the system here at Ossipee Village in Freedom, NH the rate has increased from \$90 per quarter to the current \$170 per quarter.....an **89%** difference. And the quality of the water is the same. I still have copper leaching going on.

Almost all of the properties here are second homes and with no metering so we pay whether we're here or not. The stress on the system is minimal. Some retirees are paying almost \$700 a year for using their 2<sup>nd</sup> home a dozen times a season.

Infrastructure expenses incurred at each development they serve should be borne by those owners.....not spread out amongst all users. A development that has primarily full time residents should pay more for their systems upkeep.

Please take all these factors into account before you grant any more increases.

Thank you! Joe Michaels, 138 E. Danforth Rd, Freedom, NH 03836

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