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Subject: Hampstead Area Water Company's petition DW 08-0888

Dear friends,

I am to express my concern in regard to the Hampstead Area Water Company's (HAWC) petition for loan filed on June 27, 2008. I respectfully request that you deny approval to this loan request and rate increase for the reason that this project is not, in fact, for the public good. I might add that, should this loan and rate increase be approved, I am writing this letter as a potentially (reluctant) future customer of HAWC.

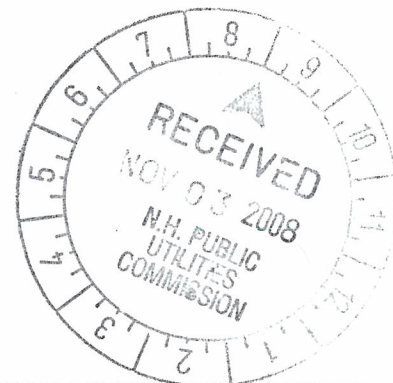
HAWC has submitted plans to interconnect the water flow between Atkinson, the town in which I reside, and Hampstead. In my opinion, and in the opinion of Atkinson's Board of Selectman, this could potentially compromise Atkinson's water resources. Please note that currently, there is no town approval for site or franchise expansion and furthermore, interconnection of water flow between Hampstead and Atkinson is against town ordinance. In my opinion, to approve a loan and rate increase before giving the town and HAWC ample opportunity to resolve these issues would be a classic case of "putting the cart before the horse."

I would also like to add that there were two scheduled meetings in Atkinson to meet with HAWC; one at a Selectmen's meeting and a second Public Hearing in which we, the citizens of Atkinson, would have had the opportunity to meet with officials from HAWC, town and state officials. In both cases, these meetings were cancelled at the last minute, and without explanation, by HAWC. With that in mind, I ask you to please consider that before you commit valuable New Hampshire taxpayer dollars to this project, we were denied by HAWC, the opportunity to learn more about this project and their reasons for interconnecting water flow between Atkinson and Hampstead.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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