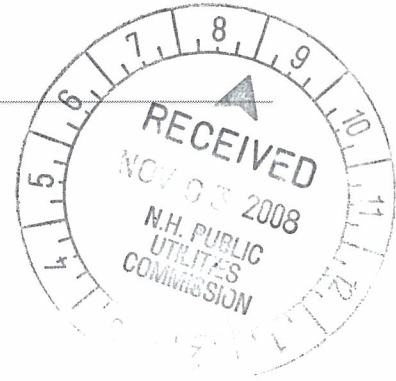


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From: Loren Albright [hwengineer@ground-tech.com]
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Subject: Hampstead Area Water Company Water Withdrawal and Pipeline Petition



Hello,

My name is Loren Albright and I live at 18 Bittersweet LN, Atkinson, NH. My wife and I are extremely concerned with the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) plans to draw massive new amounts of water from our aquifer, and their plan to build a pipeline, that for intents and purposes, is to be used to transport that water out of Atkinson.

My home is just over 1000 ft. the Midpoint well site. We've had flow rate test done on our well, and though adequate for our needs, has marginal reserve capacity. The new well at Midpoint is 405 ft. deep with a planned capacity of 216,000 gallons per day. This is in addition to the other wells they already have on the site. My well is 150 ft deep with an elevation difference of about 100 ft. This means their well is 355 feet deeper than mine. If the water table drops due to HAWC pumping, chances are I'll know about it very quickly.

We do not live atop a lake, as some people have suggested. The water available is limited. The combined capacity of all the new HAWC wells is over 600,000 gallons per day, 219 million gallons per year. It does not take a great leap to come to the conclusion that if all these new wells come online, and at full production, there will be an detrimental impact to homeowner wells surrounding these well fields.

HAWC is also asking to franchise a good part, if not all, of Atkinson. Why? Anyone who does not already live in their current franchise has a well. If we have wells, why would we chose to hook up to HAWC? The only conclusion I can draw is, if HAWC's pumping causes wells to go dry, hooking up will be the only alternative. And if we do hook up, we will have to pay HAWC for what we are now getting for free. It is sort of like having your car stolen and the thief then offers to lease the car back to you.

It has been recently learned that of the water HAWC currently pumps, they cannot account for 33% of it. They lose 1/3'd of every gallon they pump. If they cannot take care of what they already have, why should they be permitted to have more?

I've talked to most of the people on Bittersweet and Pages Lane's. Without exception, all are against HAWC's plans. Twice in recent weeks Harold Morse, President of HAWC, has asked to appear before our Board of Selectman. The last time was to be a public forum this last Tuesday. Both times, Mr. Morse cancelled at the last moment. We have a lot of concerns. We have questions. We are not getting answers and the company is not making themselves available to respond.

Finally, in a recent vote the people of Atkinson voted, by a 3 to 1 margin, to add further protections to Atkinson's water. The legalities of these measures may be in question, but there is no doubt that the majority of Atkinson's residents want their water protected. With a loss rate of 33%, and an unwillingness by HAWC officials to meet with the public, I do not feel that HAWC is the best steward of our most precious natural resource and that their petitions to build this new pipeline, and to massively increase their pumping capacity, should be denied. Thank you.

Regards,
Loren and Shannon Albright

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