

DW08-098

Saturday, October 25, 2008

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301



As a New Hampshire resident, I am writing to express my opposition to Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire and the proposed rate increase hearing scheduled to take place Nov. 5, 2008.

The proposed astronomical average rate increase of **+21.08%** is out of line with the current state of our economy - both nationally and individually. I'm unaware of anybody receiving pay increases in that range and do not see how Aquarion Water Company of NH can justify such a hike, even under the guise of recuperating investment costs. Recovering investment costs happens over time, not overnight, which is what Aquarion Water Company is attempting with the proposed spike in service rates.

Additionally, Aquarion Water Company of NH has a monopoly on where New Hampshire residents in my area get their water since Aquarion Water Company is the only company providing service.

Being forced to pay a **+21.08%** rate increase when there isn't any alternative to shop around is simply stealing from customers and should not be approved.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bevan L. Bloemendaal".

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