

DW 08-098

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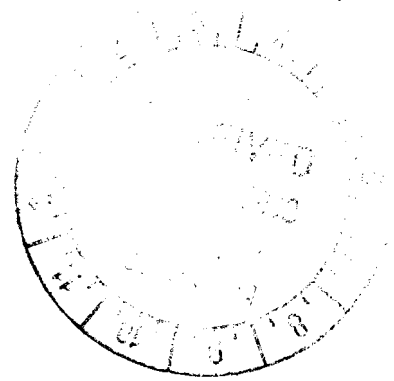
From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 3:37 PM
To: Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: Aquarion Rate Hike

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

--Kim

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

From: Harold R Mailhot [mailto:hmailhot1@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 2:08 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Aquarion Rate Hike



I recently received a notice that Aquarion is requesting a rate hike again. NHPUC granted Aquarion a rate hike on November 18, 2005. In June of 2006 I attended a meeting in Concord concerning water problems along with the fact that North Hampton was being charged more for water than most of the cities and towns of New Hampshire. At that meeting I brought up the fact that we were having problems with the water and our systems were corroding before our eyes. I gave case after case of problems that individuals in my immediate development were having with their water. What did the commission do? They caved in to Aquarion and gave them everything they wanted. Do I note a bit of corruption here? Now Aquarion is asking for another rate hike. A while ago I got a call from the new engineer at Aquarion asking if my water was any better. I made an appointment to see him and brought pictures and pieces of the corrosion with me. After discussing the scenario he came to the conclusion that it was mainly the hot water pipes that were corroded due to the minerals in the water and nothing could be done about it. He later E-mailed me that as far as Aquarion was concerned the case was closed. I E-mailed back that as far as I was concerned the case is not closed and never will be until they do something about the corrosion taking place in this development and now they have the audacity to request a rate hike. I will be very interested to see if the commission caves in again which is what I expect will happen.

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