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To: PUC: <PUC@puc.nh.gov>

Subject: Re: Questions about Pennichuck Merger and Rate Increase

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This would be for Docket DW 23-101 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company and Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

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> Sirs - I received mailed notice.

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> 1. I smell a rat with the simultaneous rate increase and three-way merger. I suspect that we are surreptitiously being duped into subsidizing capital needs of marginal operations. What would the rate increase to PWW Core customers be if merge and rate increase were separated into unique proposals and judged separately?

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> 2. In notice, the provided Frequently Asked Questions, Item 17 states:

> "Pennichuck has invested \$15.5 million in water system upgrades and improvements for the years 2020,2021 and 2022." It vaguely enumerates these upgrades are but does not attribute to exactly what company incurred them. Now Core customers are being asked to pay for this past year spending. There is no fairness to customers by billing one company for a different company's prior year spending. Does PUC think this would be fair?

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> 3. Why are we asked to pay for PWW-monopoly capital spending not approved by PUC such that they now have to recoup?

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> Daniel Richardson