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Good Morning,

I am a resident of Atkinson, NH and HAWC (Hampstead Area Water Company) supplies water to our house located at 7 Windmill Lane Atkinson, NH.

I read through the attached request for Change in Rates and agree with several residents that this request is not reasonable and adequately measured beyond self interests expressed by HAWC.

For example, requesting a 10.44% return on equity of capital invested (payback in approximately 6.9 years) is an exceptional return, one that most projects would seek but unrealistic. Given a low interest rate environment and one that is expected to continue, a more reasonable and balanced (HAWC and resident budgets considered) request for a change in rates is needed.

There are other rate increases being proposed as you know and these also are high relative to current rates.

I request that your department continue to suspend this proposed rate schedule until more information is gathered and more citizens have commented.

Thank You  
Rock Rottler  
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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DW 20-117**

**HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.**

**Request for Change in Rates**

**Order Suspending Proposed Tariffs and Scheduling Prehearing Conference**

**ORDER NO. 26,437**

**December 18, 2020**

This order suspends Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.'s proposed tariffs for temporary and permanent rate increases for 18 months, pending further investigation. It also schedules a prehearing conference for February 10, 2021.

On July 23, 2020, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC or the Company) filed its notice of intent to file rate schedules. The Office of the Consumer Advocate filed a letter of participation on August 3.

*Rock Rottler  
Retired from Tufts University  
Owner of RAR Home Services, LLC*