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Debra Howland, Executive Director  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Director Howland:

We are residence of the Locke Lake Colony in Center Barnstead, NH. We are customers of the Pennichuck Water Co. ( Pittsfield Aqueduct Company) who now owns and maintains the water system.

We recently received a letter stating that Pittsfield Aqueduct Company was unable to acquire the expected grant funding to pay for the improvements to the Locke Lake Colony water system. They are requesting an increase of aprox. 179% initially with a final increase of 311.91%.

We are completely against this increases listed in the letter. We believe Pittsfield Aqueduct Company was made completely aware of the condition of the Locke Lake Colony system prior to the purchase via the many meetings with the residents and the Colony Administrators.

If Pittsfield Aqueduct was not in a financial position to make all of the required improvements, then they should have reconsidered their purchase. Why would they count on grant funding and federal and state funds they weren't sure they could acquire?

The impact on the residents in the Colony will be significant. For our household, it will mean an increase in yearly cost from \$350.00 to over \$1000.00. For some of our neighbors it will mean much more. We do not believe that anyone living in Locke Lake Colony can afford this increase.

We would urge the PUC deny the rate increases requested by Pittsfield Aqueduct and give them assistance in the acquisition of funding via grant and/or federal and state monies.

We believe this to be the only solution to the problem.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

  
  
Robert & Diana Stanley