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Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Raymond, Margaret; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Howland, Debra
Subject: FW: To Debra Howland

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account for Docket No. DW 08-052.

Kim

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From: Len Tremblay [mailto:ltremblay4161@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2008 2:44 PM
To: PUC
Subject: To Debra Howland

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Debra Howland
Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission

Subject: Pennichuck Rate Increase for Locke Lake Colony

Dear Ms. Howland,

We are in receipt of Pennichuck's proposal to institute an approximate four-fold increase in the water rates for Locke Lake Colony residents.

My wife and I recently moved to Locke Lake Colony from Massachusetts . We had hoped to find lower taxes and fees in moving to the "Live Free or Die" state. Unfortunately, this has not been our experience. We moved into a NH home that is half the size of our Mass. home, yet we pay 50% more in property tax. Trash service: additional. Plow the roads: additional. The electricity rates are about double the rates we had in Mass. To get to work in Newington I donate to the toll booths 4 times a day. And, as we all know, gasoline has doubled, heating oil has doubled, and the cost of food and all other goods have risen dramatically as a result.

There is no question that our water quality is better than when we first bought the NH home in 2006. Water pressure is more regular, and water quality is improved. We realize that these improvements have a cost. But a four-fold increase is unreasonable and presents a significant, adverse financial burden on everyone.

I urge the Commission to scale back the requested rate increase to something that is reasonable.

Sincerely,

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