

Leighton, Adele

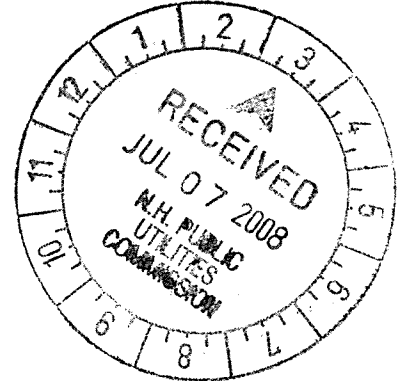
From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2008 2:57 PM
To: Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: Rate increase protest
Importance: High

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

--Kim

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

From: pitonnh [mailto:pitonnh@netzero.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2008 7:02 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Rate increase protest
Importance: High



To whom it may concern;

My wife and I are residents in the Birch Hill development in North Conway New Hampshire and are provided with water by Pennichuck(Pittsfield Aqueduct Co.) We received a letter stating that our water bill may increase by 312% if the NH Public Utilities Commission approves the petition from PAC for this obscene rate increase.PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

The Birch Hill community has many seasonal home owners so this rate increases will realistically be more like 416% for full time residents like ourselves and many of our neighbors. We can understand reasonable rate increases for maintenance and upkeep of a water system but this proposed rate increase is outrageous and unfair. It would mean our that our \$30 per month average bill would end up being over \$125 on average. We and most of our neighbors are unable to attend the hearing on July 16th,2008 in reference to order # 24,857 so I am sending this e-mail out as a plea to you to help us keep our water rates reasonable and affordable. The temporary rates that PAC is proposing are even far too high(roughly 200%!) but the permanent rate proposal is completely ludicrous.

We are not alone in our concerns. Every neighbor that I have spoken to is appalled by this proposed rate increase.

Let me know if a petition would help or if you have heard other feedback in regards to the upcoming hearing about proposed water bill price increases.

Thanks for your anticipated assistance in maintaining realistic rates for the residents of Birch Hill.

Sincerely

Otto and Michele Siegler