

State of New Hampshire

Before the Public Utilities Commission

Docket No. 08-052

Pittsfield Aqueduct – Permanent and Temporary Rate Proceeding

Hearing Date - July 16, 2008 10:00 AM

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Now comes Sunrise Lake Estates Association and the Sunrise Lake Estates Development and requests the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission allow Sunrise Lake Estates Association to intervene in the above referenced docket, for the following reasons:

1. There is great concern among our community as to the hardship a 311.91% water rate increase would cause on our residents.
2. There is concern in the community that a 311.91% water rate increase could adversely affect our property resale values in the neighborhood.
3. Sunrise Lake Estates Association and community would like to know if a 311.91% water rate increase is just and reasonable. (RSA 374:2)
4. There is a question as to whether this proposed rate increase is fair to the residents of Sunrise Lake Estates considering the majority of the expenditures by PAC that this rate increase is to cover were not expended in our development. (see dockets DW 05-132, DW 07-010, & DW 07-120 all state the work needed at Locke Lake & Birch Hill)
5. Sunrise Lake Estates would like to know what the allowable rate of return is, that PAC can expect to get on their plant investments. It is our understanding that, Utilities are only allowed to earn a return on investments that are actually being used in providing utility

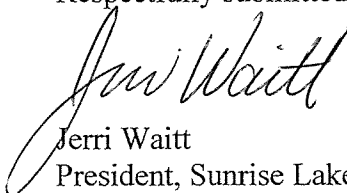
service to customers. The systems at Locke Lake and Birch Hill do not provide service to Sunrise Lake Estates customers.

6. Sunrise Lake Estates Association and community is concerned that after reviewing water rates across the state, if this rate increase is approved it would make PAC rates the highest in the state, when many other small systems have much lower rates.
7. Sunrise Lake Estates Association and community is concerned about why the proposed Town of Pittsfield rates are lower and separate from Birch Hill, Sunrise Estates and Locke Lake.
8. Sunrise Lake Estates Association has questions as to why other utilities such as PSNH for example will spread their costs of improvements or repairs across all of there utility customers and it does not appear as though PAC intends to do that. One of the reasons the Public Utilities Commission approved the consolidation of PAC, Consolidated Water, and Central Water was because PAC had the ability to obtain favorable financing and had the backing of there parent company Pennichuck (DW 05-132). Shouldn't the parent company be spreading the cost out over a longer period than 10 years and perhaps over all its customers? (31,000+).

WHEREFORE, we request that the Public Utilities Commission:

- A. Allow Sunrise Lake Estates Association and their residents intervener status; and
- B. Include Sunrise Lake Estates Association on the service list relating to DW08-152

Respectfully submitted by,



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