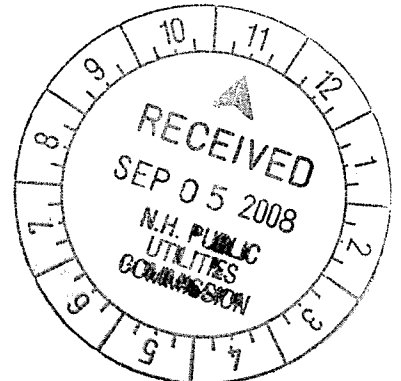


Leighton, Adele

From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 11:09 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: Pennichuck rate increase request

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account for Docket No. DW 08-073, Pennichuck Water Works.

--Kim



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

From: Don Gatton [mailto:gatton@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 2:04 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Pennichuck rate increase request

To: NH Public Utilities Commission

I was recently made aware of a petition to the NH PUC by Pennichuck Water Works to increase water rates by 25.7%. The reason for this request was stated as a cost to upgrade the water treatment plant and compliance with the safe drinking water act. I find the amount of this request is outrageous. This is simply passing all costs over to the rate payers without any sacrifice on the part of the shareholders or the executives of Pennichuck.

I also understand the tactic that is being used by Pennichuck because they have used it in the past. That is: ask for 25% and settle for 12%. That too, is unacceptable. My water bill used to be \$100/qtr. Now it's \$50/month.

Please do not grant this request.

Thank you for time.

Regards,

Donald Gatton
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