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Subject: Water Withdrawal

Dear Adele,

Tuesday, November 4, 2008, is the final testimony day regarding Hampstead Area Water Company's desire to receive MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLAR LOAN (\$1,000,000.00) for a twenty (20) year period at 3.44% interest. The LOAN is for the interconnection of Atkinson Town Water with the Town of Hampstead. HAWC has also applied for a full expansion of their franchise to all of Atkinson. I ask that you intercede on our behalf, to deny these request and protect our water rights.

A few reasons we are asking for your help are:

1. Excessive water loss history of HAWC.
2. The interconnection of water flow between Hampstead and Atkinson is against the town ordinance.
3. More than 54% of HAWC's revenues are paid to HAWC's related companies without competitive bidding.
4. No town approvals for site or franchise expansion.
5. Atkinson taxpayers have held two special town meetings to stop water withdrawals from our town, and voted unanimously each election.
6. Atkinson's Selectmen have written a letter to the PUC, asking that this request be denied.
7. The Town of Atkinson has passed a water ordinance to protect our water as a health issue.
8. The taxpayers of Atkinson fear the loss of adequate water supply from our wells, like happened in Poland Springs, Maine.
9. The taxpayers of Atkinson object to our tax dollars being used to fund these request of the PUC.
10. HAWC has no need for additional amounts of water for their current business. Recovering the lost water they now report yearly would be more than sufficient to cover their current and future needs.

Thank you in advance for your help in these matters.

Respectfully,
Mr. Leon Artus
Atkinson Taxpayers for Fair Evaluations Committee (spokesperson)

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