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Attention: Debra Howland
Executive Director, Public Utilities Commission
The State of New Hampshire
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Subject: DW 14-176

Dear Ms. Howland

We own our home a single family dwelling at 287 Mill Brook Road in Thornton NH and our supply of water is furnished by the Mill Brook Village Water System (MBVWS). Furthermore, we are bound by Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Reservations and Easements for Mill Brook Village, Thornton, NH as recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds at Volume 1700, Page 824, and subsequent amendments and modifications thereto.

As an individual homeowner both Valerie and I are concerned about the proposed water rate change the developer has requested. The foregoing Declaration, which was, established in 1992 states on pages 10 and 11, under Section 8. Utility and other Easements, the following: Section 8. (b) All lots within Mill Brook Village shall be served by a private water distribution system, title to which is to retained by the Declarant, and its heirs, successors and assigns. The Declarant, for itself, and its respective heirs, successors and assigns, covenants and agree to and with owners of Lots within the subdivision to provide water to each Lot at the annual rate of one hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per year, which sum shall remain fixed until January 1, 1996, at which time the aforementioned water rate user fee of \$150.00 per year shall be subject to the annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index. For Valerie and I based on the CPI Inflation Calculator our rate for the year 2014 should be Two-Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$254.72),

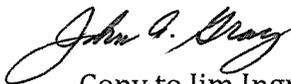
not the Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.) that we already submitted to Mr. James Ingram base on his invoice to us.

In the setting of new water rates for Mill Brook Village, we are requesting the present difference in water rates set forth in each associated declarations be acknowledged. These ratios need to be maintained in order that members of different associations not be harmed by a disproportionate rate increase.

Valerie and I request that the PUC acknowledge that all the single family dwelling in MBV are depended upon the MBVWS, since individual well are not feasible due to set back requirements and the size of the Lots. Thus, the investment value of our homes is directly tied to the ability to be connected to the MBVWS. In order to protect our investment in our own property, we believe that all Lots should pay an equal share of the annual water bill. Since when we purchased our home included in the price was Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) specifically for the water system. Accordingly the owner of all the vacant land/lots should pay the same water rate as all homeowners in MBV. The foregoing clearly reflects it would be unfair to the present owners if new water rate were based on thirty-seven homes vs. the original plan of sixty-four planned homeowners.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Gray



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