

On Jan 12, 2021, at 7:05 PM, algarneau@comcast.net wrote:

To whom it may concern,
I am writing as President of the Board of Directors of Settlers Ridge Condominium Association in Atkinson, New Hampshire. We are a community of 48 homes that rely on water service from HAWC.

The proposed increase in HAWC rates of 65% for consumers, 90-149% for approximately 72 customers with pipes larger than 5/8" (i.e., the library, Town Hall, fire station, etc.), and an unbelievable 609.5% increase for fire hydrant maintenance, is egregious and borders on usury. To allow a private company to demand rates that would not be acceptable from a public utility is just plain wrong. Not only will the residents of the Settlers Ridge Condominium Association pay the 65% increase as customers of HAWC, we will pay the other increases via increased taxes.

Also stunning is that with these massive increase requests, HAWC is recommending significantly LOWER rates for Private Fire Protection. Lowering rates on their own sister company's condos while increasing rates on residents and rate payers in an incredible conflict of interest that the PUC must address.

The rate increase request by HAWC is outrageously high, creates an undue burden, and should be rejected by the PUC.

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