

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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To The Public Utilities Commission:

When our community wells failed to meet water quality standards (due to naturally occurring arsenic) and supply enough water, we were deeply concerned. When we turned our faucets on and got no water at all, we were shocked.

You undoubtedly know the timeline and facts regarding the Wiggin Way/Winterberry water crisis. As original homeowners at 5 Balsam Way, Stratham we have been living with the worry, expense, and ongoing struggle for too long.

It has been a six year struggle. We have gone from annual water bills of \$500 (or less) to bills ranging from \$1000 to \$1600. The NHDES ordered our connection to Aquarion; Aquarion is ready to make this connection permanent. Only the towns of North Hampton and Hampton – who should not be involved – continually raise irrelevant, distracting issues to fight our connection to Aquarion and block closure. The fact that these neighboring towns work so passionately to prohibit 43 families from the same water supply they enjoy is appalling.

Please let us secure a permanent connection to Aquarion Water Company as regular customers (at the same fair rate as all their customers) – allowing each of our homes an individual water meter. We need safe, ample, affordable drinking water.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carol and Dennis Rothchild