

Leighton, Adele

From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 9:20 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Raymond, Margaret; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Howland, Debra
Subject: FW: water rate increase

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account for Docket No. DW 08-052, Pittsfield Aqueduct Company.

--Kim

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

From: Maureen [mailto:mmedeiro@metrocast.net]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 1:19 PM
To: PUC
Subject: water rate increase

To whom it may concern, June 2008

My name is Maureen Medeiros and I reside in the Locke Lake Community. My husband Bryan and I are very distraught about the proposed water rate increase. The financial times right now are very difficult for everyone and this rate is absolutely out of reach for most hard working families.

We have been living here for 9 years and have dealt with the Central Water companys inadequate water supply. We had many a summer day without water pressure, or brown and mineral water spewing from the faucet, or no water at all for hours or in some cases days at a time.

When Pennichuck took over, we were hopeful. There have definitely been improvements with all of the above issues. However, nothing warrants this proposed increase. They knew when they took over, what the issues were.

We started out paying approximately \$34.00 monthly, then it went to \$54.00 and is currently approx. \$64.00. This is above and beyond what we feel is fair and acceptable. The proposed rate increase would triple that monthly payment. That would be equivalent to a car payment which neither my husband nor I could afford at this point. We are both driving cars with high mileage, one with over 150,000 miles and the other over 211,000 miles.

Please consider all of the families who are working hard to keep themselves above the high cost of living today. With gas at an all time high, food prices soaring, and an anticipated increase in home heating fuel as well, we are already taxed beyond our limits. Our property taxes have increased significantly also, so to add to this burden the ludicrous tripling of our water bill would be crushing financially.

Sincerely,

Maureen and Bryan Medeiros
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