

DW08-052

**Leighton, Adele**

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**From:** Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2008 12:59 PM  
**To:** Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Raymond, Margaret; Naylor, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: re tomorrow's Pennichuk rate increase hearing

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

--Kim

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

**From:** Dognh [mailto:dognh@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** PUC; OCA Website Mail Account; dognh@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** re tomorrow's Pennichuk rate increase hearing

Please pass this on to the appropriate person before tomorrow's meeting. Unfortunately, they have chosen to hold this hearing on a day and time when the people most affected will be working and unable to attend. I hope you take into consideration that many voices will not be heard. This whopping 300% increase comes at the worst possible economic time and will severely impact elderly fixed income and low income people. I know how severely it will affect some of my neighbors, but i will tell you how it is already affecting me. Last week my tenants left suddenly, leaving me with an empty house to rent. Since i also recently lost my job, this was my ONLY source of income. I have called several realtors and been told the same thing - no one wants to buy or rent in Locke Lake with this threat hanging over our head. Many people have backed out of deals. I have not had one call, and I am aware of how heavily this has been covered in the media so i'm not surprised. If I dont get this rented, i could be one of the many facing foreclosure. This increase is just not realistic or doable for anyone, this is not a wealthy area. If we lived on Lake Winnepausakee I'd say we could probably afford it, but not Locke Lake. Did they not know the investment they were facing when they bought the company? Why is this a big surprise that we know have to cover? Generally when one buys a company, you have to have the capital to make the necessary improvements.

PLEASE BLOCK THIS OUTRAGEOUS INCREASE AND FORCE THE COMPANY TO PURSUE OTHER AVENUES SUCH AS FEDERAL GRANTS.

Thank you.

Sandi Foster  
Locke Lake Colony



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