



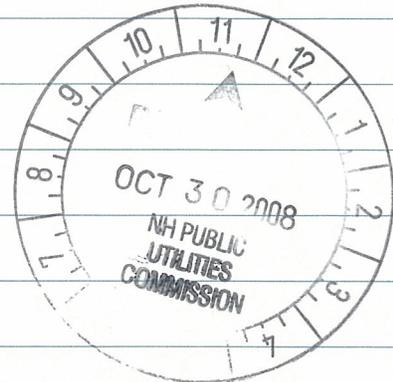
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10/25/08

TO: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FROM: RESIDENT. 5 WILD ROSE LN
HAMPTON, N.H. 03842



SUBJECT: 11/5/08 HEARING

WITH FULL APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENT AND MAINTENANCE COSTS PLUS COST OF OPERATION THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY INCREASES APPROACHING THESE INCREASES WILL BE BALANCED WITH INCOME INCREASES OF THE GENERAL POPULATION.

ALTHOUGH INCREASED COSTS ARE A FACT OF LIFE THERE HAS TO BE A POINT WHERE TECHNOLOGY AND PRUDENT MANAGEMENT CARRY THEIR SHARE OF GROWTH AND CONTROL TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF THESE NEEDS

INCREASES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO REASONABLE INCREASE AT ANNUAL OR TWO-YEAR INTERVAL REQUESTS

RESPECTFULLY

Charles L. Herbert

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Petition for Increase in Rates Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire November 5, 2008 1:30 p.m.

On August 29, 2008, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire filed a request with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to increase its rates. Aquarion states that the higher rates, shown in the table below, are needed to help recover, among other things, investments in water utility infrastructure such as source of supply improvements and main replacements. On a temporary basis, Aquarion has requested an overall increase to its rates of 12.83%. The permanent rates proposed by Aquarion would result in an overall average increase of 21.08% in total. The typical 5/8 inch metered residential customer would see a temporary increase of 12.97% and a permanent rate increase of 18.88% in total. In addition, the Company has requested an additional increase of approximately 4.44% as a step adjustment for a significant plant addition currently under construction, proposed a change to its rate design to encourage conservation, requested a surcharge for eligible water main improvements, and proposed conservation measures for new developments.

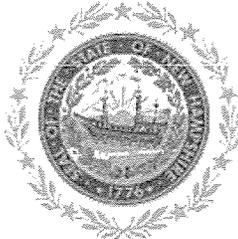
Annual Average Residential Water Bill Proposed

	Meter Charge 5/8"	Volumetric Charge 67,000 Gal.	Total Annual Bill
Current Rates	\$125.52	\$272.47	\$397.99
Proposed Temporary Rates	\$141.84	\$307.78	\$449.62
Proposed Permanent Rates	\$152.28	\$320.84	\$473.12
Proposed Permanent Rates Including Proposed Step Adjustment	\$157.88	\$332.63	\$490.51

The Commission has scheduled a pre-hearing conference to be held at the Commission's offices in Concord on November 5, 2008 at 1:30 pm. At the pre-hearing conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from Aquarion and other parties and will consider requests for formal intervenor status. The pre-hearing conference is open to the public.

Customers are also welcome to submit written comments to the Commission at New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov.

For more information, please contact Aquarion Water Company at 1-603-926-3319, extension 113.



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