

**To: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission**  
**From: J.F.Daly, ratepayer**  
**Re: Aquarion Water Co. of NH rate increase**

**Sirs: It has come to my attention, as a ratepayer to Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, that said company wishes to increase rates for services. The proposed 21.08% increase in rates by this company is abhorrent and unfair.**

**Aquarion states, in their pre-hearing notice, that these rate increases are necessary due to investments on their part in infrastructure, development, and replacement.**

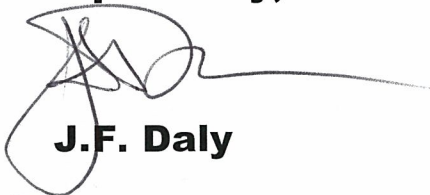
**In no way are ratepayers responsible for investments that this company makes. Similarly, expansion of its infrastructure due to rampant development should be borne by the company and not passed on to its ratepayers. It is, after all, an expansion of the company's worth, which is not shared by the ratepayer.**

**Additionally, in these days of economic disaster, a rate hike at this time would unnecessarily burden most residential customers.**

**Moreover, it's not as if Aquarion were importing its product from elsewhere. Aquarion gets its water from the public aquifers of the State of New Hampshire and should, by all rights, be paying the state for access to a public resource.**

**I urge the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire to deny the Aquarion Water Company any rate increase at this time.**

**Respectfully,**

  
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